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In the new proposal, the land  
bounded in red (in the bottom  
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would be given over to housing.



## Members' vote will be crucial in Brynhill housing sell-off plan

**MEMBERS** of Brynhill Golf Club will vote later this month on whether to support the plan to sell off land at the club for a 180-home housing development.

If the members say yes, it could only be the start of a long process of getting planning permission in the face of fierce local opposition.

However, one club member told The GEM that members had, as yet, no idea of what was on offer to them.

by **PHILIP  
IRWIN**

Selling enough land for 180 homes should leave the club, which is owned by its members, with a large sum of money to invest.

Alternatively, it could offer members reduced fees, or even a one-off payment.

Proposals to remodel Brynhill Golf Club to create a new, multi-purpose clubhouse facility and adjacent residential development will go on public display at an exhibition on January 20-21.

The proposals, being put forward by the club, will mean that several existing holes near the A4050 Port Road East will be set aside for new

housing. The club will use land it already owns but does not use to create a new 18-hole course.

The Brynhill Golf Club captain, Stephen Jones said: "As with many traditional members' clubs across the UK, Brynhill is experiencing significant financial difficulties, with several factors impacting on the club's ability to maintain its current operations."

"These proposals will enable us to make vital improvements to both the course and the clubhouse by using land already owned by the club in a different way."

"There is simply no way the club could raise the capital to make this kind of investment and

the alternatives, which include reducing staff numbers, cutting spending on maintenance or increasing membership fees for adults and juniors, are not in the best interest of the club, its members or the local community."

The public will be consulted, and the public exhibition is part of this consultation.

Crucially, the golf club members will also have to vote in favour of the scheme (on January 26) and one member contacted The GEM to say that he was still totally in the dark about what was on offer.

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## 'Meirion Close needs a refuse area' – councillor

A BARRY town councillor has called on the Vale Council to provide a proper refuse area for a group of flats in the town to prevent littering.

Court ward councillor Theo Stenstrom said: "There is inadequate provision for storage of excess waste material at Meirion Close."

"Complaints have been made to the council, but no action is taken."

"The housing officer visits this area every Thursday and is aware of the problem, but waste management and the housing departments are still looking for a solution."

"Waste and litter in the 'close' is a serious problem."

"The Prime Minister said that it is wrong to pay high salaries and bonuses for failure – Meirion Close is a failure."

Some flats in the town have fenced refuse areas with a gate which keeps rubbish tidy until collections can be made.

The head of housing at the Vale Council, Mike Ingram, said: "Officers

are aware there's a significant problem with the storage of refuse, which has been exacerbated by the move to fortnightly collections."

"There are inadequate storage facilities in council-owned blocks of flats, meaning that residents have little option but to place their full black bags within the grounds."

"Officers from the housing and cleansing departments have been working together on this problem for months, both through a mixture of enforcement and initiatives such as an amnesty for large items to be disposed of, and a litter pick co-ordinated through anti-littering charity, Keep Wales Tidy."

Mr Ingram said pictures supplied by Coun Stenstrom had been taken at Christmas when there was an excess of rubbish."

He also pointed out: "Officers are working to find a solution to the refuse storage problem."

"We are examining the most cost effective option of providing a waste storage facility at the block of flats."

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Recent concerts at Gladstone Primary School played to packed audiences. (See page 17 for a report and more photographs).

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## REMEMBERING BARRY'S GIs

**A**S a young boy in the 1940s, I can remember the American troops billeted at the camps on the Sully Moors road.

There were two camps, one for the white troops and one for the black troops, because of the problems in the USA and the colour bar.

My younger sister and I were invited, along with other children in similar circumstances (our

father was killed at Dunkirk in 1940) to attend a Christmas party at one of the camps.

We were also invited on another Christmas occasion to a party held at the Dinham Hall.

One year, we attended a Christmas party held by the RAF on the camp at Bassett Park (this was a barrage balloon station).

B. Kirke  
Barry

*Rhoose has a nasty smell in the air...*

**B**EFORE Christmas, residents in Rhoose received communication from Lafarge that the proposed burning of old tyres for fuel was going ahead and I am surprised that there has not been more comment on this proposal.

As you may know, tyres contain a proportion of sulphur, which would be ejected from any burning process as sulphur dioxide, no matter at what elevated temperature they are burned.

On a clear still day – yes, it does happen – approaching Rhoose one cannot fail to notice a line of yellow cloud across the sky above the power station chimney.

**‘Don’t put water supplies at risk’**

**T**HE recent GEM letter from Leanne Wood AM was very important, in that it highlights exploitation of some of the natural resources of Wales, to the detriment of the public and also to the water supply without which we will all die.

Party politics aside, “Fracking” to me is a dirty word, because its use in other areas of the world, Canada for example, has caused massive pollution and they want also to start a similar scheme near the Welsh coast.

We must beware of planning policies designed to bypass local objections, which put at risk our currently pristine water supplies.

Wales is too small a country to allow contamination of its aquifers and groundwaters.  
John Corduri, Pontypridd

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## Questions of priority for the Vale Council?

**I** WAS interested in the response of Rob Quick, the Director of Economic Regeneration at the Vale Council, to the decision of volunteers to end their efforts to reinstate the tidal padding pool on Barry Island beach, in the face of council resistance.

Although he didn't directly address the concerns raised by the Community Interest Company, set up to try and spur efforts to regenerate the Island, he said the council has always been a sup-

porter of the tidal pool scheme.

“Should match funding have been found, the council was willing to look at the issue of insurance costs for the pool in view of the costs to the Community Interest Company,” he was quoted as saying.

It is curious that when the community come forward with a proposal, a series of hurdles are placed in our way, the latest being the requirement for match funding.

A total of 91 per cent of the £5.4 million funding for Barry has thus far gone on the council's own priority schemes. Perhaps Mr Quick could let your readers

know how many of the 21 projects put forward by the council for Welsh Government regeneration funding has drawn in match funding?

The council have now repeatedly said how much they support the creation of a pool for tourists and the children of the island “in principle”.

As the idea has been championed by the children of Barry Island Primary School, I look forward to seeing the council deliver the project themselves.

Lee Waters,  
(Chair of Governors, Barry Island Primary School)

## ‘Unconvincing sales spin over fuel price increases’

**I** HAVE never felt compelled to write a response to one of your newspaper articles before, but I have a few issues with MP Alun Cairns' comments in last week's GEM issue regarding fuel prices.

For example, Mr Cairns states: “Fuel prices are largely the result of oil prices internationally and leads to inflated prices on the forecourt...High fuel prices put a great strain on all of us and do little to help economic recovery.”

While I accept wholesale oil prices are part of the cost, anyone knows that the majority of the cost of fuel is made up in tax levied by the Government that he represents – so why blame the oil companies when the Government takes the largest slice of the cake?

“Using a car is a necessity, not a luxury, particularly for residents of the rural Vale.” With the number of luxury vehicles in the rural Vale, I would suggest if they found motoring that expensive, many would have changed to more frugal means of transport, like that of urban residents running around in anything they can afford.

Mr Cairns says: “Fuel duty was to increase by three pence in January and five pence in August, we have now limited this to just a 3 pence rise in August...Families will save on average £144 on filling up.”

No Sir, we will NOT be saving £144 – we will just not be paying as large an increase in fuel duty as we would have.

However, we WILL be paying more – 3p a litre more, if I read your article correctly. How can paying more be described as saving £144?

“We will be increasing the tax on oil and gas producing companies who are making higher than expected profits” – So, you will not tax the consumer but the producer! I wonder how they will

**Car costs: what about the 2.5 per cent VAT increase?**

**I**N last week's GEM, Alun Cairns praises George Osborne and the Government for not increasing fuel duty in January by three pence, but fails to mention the 2.5 per cent increase in VAT.

This increase not only put three pence per litre on the pump price but raised the cost of car spares and garage services.

So in fact, this government has added to the cost of running a car.

G.Smith  
Llantwit Major

deal with the increase, by passing this on to the consumer at the pumps? End result – taxed at the back door – meaning even higher fuel prices!

Whilst I am sure, Mr Cairns, that you have the Vale residents' best interests at heart, I find the comments made in your article full of spin and sales pitch.

Having myself been a used car salesman for over 20 years and fortunate to have my own used car sales lot, if you should ever find yourself unlucky enough to be without a seat, I have one available in my office for a good salesman. However, you will need to be a bit more plausible.

Bryan Thomas,  
Barry.

## ‘LESS RHETORIC, MORE ACTION ON DOG FOULING’

**W**E hear lots of rhetoric from our councillors about dogs fouling public footpaths and that people will be fined heavily if caught, but as anyone ever been fined?

They put silly little signs on lamp posts and fences that people completely ignore – the footpath between Speedwell Drive and Wesley Avenue is an example.

On December 24 outside my house gates, there were three separate lumps of dog faeces and my wife had stepped in one lot getting into the car.

I walked down the length of this footpath, which is used frequently by schoolchildren and the public to access the local shops.

I counted 21 other dog faeces the length of the lane, and other people tell me that Wesley Avenue and the Main Road is also a regular

dumping ground for dogs.

It's not only unsightly, but very unhygienic.

The only solution to me is lazy councillors start doing what they were put in office to do – serve the community.

Instead of rhetoric and spending money on useless artworks around the Vale, they should employ a dog warden to investigate complaints from the public and approach anyone walking their dogs.

If they are not carrying FREE poo bags, they should get a spot fine of £15 and, if caught again, that should be doubled – and so on.

If they catch any dog owner in the act who does not clean it up, give them the maximum fine.

Rhoose and the Vale would be a far cleaner and healthier place to live, and our children would not grow up thinking it's okay to allow dogs to foul in public places.  
Ian Govier, Rhoose.

## ‘PUT CROSS OF ST DAVID ON UNION FLAG’

**W**ITH reference to the letter in last week's GEM, it would be very easy to incorporate St David's flag into the Union Jack.

There are white spaces all around St George's cross and these can be coloured gold, with black for the edges and for some of the white diagonals.

This flag will then do for the Queen's Jubilee, and days of

all the saints, Trafalgar, Agincourt, Waterloo, tax freedom, Carwyn Jones's birthday and any other day of national celebration.

As for Caernarvon castle being oppressive, Edward I died 704 years ago and since 1485, the throne has been occupied by descendants of a Welshman.

R Bradshaw,  
Cowbridge.

## What is good for dogs is also good for horses!

**T**HE Boxing Day meet of the Vale of Glamorgan Hunt was marvellous, and a well-attended spectacle – which even I, as a former member of the League against Cruel Sports, could appreciate.

After all, it's not a blood sport now, is it? We are assured it is only drag hunting – so that's OK then...

Anyway, dodging as I did the large splatters of horse manure on the public roads and pavements, I took to wondering why horse riders are not required to clean up after their steeds?

Dog owners have to do it, no matter how inconvenient, and quite right, too.

So why not horse riders whose mounts

deposit far more and can also spread disease?

Yes, it would be mighty inconvenient, but what is good for the dog is surely good for the horse and very good for we pedestrians.

The alternative would be to make horses wear nappies – a terrible, but not implausible, thought.

Come on, Jane Hutt, Alun Cairns and Vale councillors; let's have a Welsh Government horse initiative and a Westminster one, plus Vale bye-laws.

That should do it, accompanied no doubt, by severe ‘neighing’ from the horse lobby and stables.

Christopher Short,  
Barry.

(More letters on page 25)

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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## HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL JANUARY 19)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
12 Thur	11.05	8.2	23.22	7.8
13 Fri	11.55	7.7		
14 Sat	00.22	7.5	12.57	7.5
15 Sun	01.42	7.3	14.14	7.6
16 Mon	02.54	7.6	15.28	7.8
17 Tues	03.57	8.2	16.34	8.4
18 Wed	04.51	8.8	17.19	8.9
19 Thur	05.39	9.4	18.11	9.5

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.



## Liz does a double dip for Ty Hafan

A BARRY woman raised £500 for charity by taking part in two festive – and freezing – swims at Whitmore Bay on Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Liz Rawlins (24) who works for the Royal Pharmaceutical Society in Cardiff, decided to help one of the Vale's most popular charities based in Sully.

Liz attends Ty Hafan as a volunteer and told The GEM: "I did the two dips to raise money for the hospice and I have almost reached a fantastic £500.

"I did not expect to raise anywhere near as much as this and I am incredibly grateful for



Liz, trying not to show how cold she is!

Picture by MIKE FUDGE

everyone's support.

"Ty Hafan is a charity very close to my heart and I wanted to do something to raise vital funds for them this Christmas and New Year – the crazier the better!

"People have been incredibly generous with their donations and I am so thankful to everyone who has sponsored me.

"The funds raised will go some way to help Ty Hafan continue the extraordinary work they do with families and young people right across Wales in 2012."

For the record, Liz said both days were cold, but New Year's Day was chillier than Boxing Day.

If anyone wishes to boost Liz's fundraising efforts they can make a donation online at: <http://www.justgiving.com/Liz-Rawlins>

## 'Amazing coincidence' proves 1963 was a very good year for Barry boys!

AN amazing coincidence in this year's New Year's Honours list has proved that 1963 was a very good year for Barry Boys School...

Two boys who started school that year – and who were firm friends until they left for university and then lost touch – were both awarded OBEs for services to education.

Chris Howard and David Allen studied similar subjects, with

both taking economics and history at A-Level.

Chris Howard now lives in Ystradowen, and is headteacher at Lewis School, Pengam – a post he has held for 19 years.

David Allen, however, has spent his working life in England, where he has been registrar at three universities, Nottingham, Birmingham and Exeter (his current post).

Chris Howard told The GEM: "The news about David only came

to my attention over the weekend.

"I have been trying to get in touch with him at Exeter University. It really is an amazing coincidence.

"We were good friends throughout school.

"We lost touch partly because we played different sports – I played football – and then, of course, we went off to different universities."

(See page 4 for details of Chris Howard's OBE).

## Sheltered life in a log cabin

SCHOOL and community groups using a country park will soon have a shelter during winter weather.

Work is due to start on constructing a community log cabin at Porthkerry Country Park, Barry, for the use of more than 40 groups who use the Vale Council-run site.

Park ranger Mel Stewart said Forest Lodge would be a useful resource for events and activities for the community, especially during winter and in the

evenings. The cabin will be in the overflow car park, opposite the Forest Café.

Park managers obtained a £78,000 Barry Regeneration Area grant for the building, which is to have a wood-burning stove.

Cabinet member for tourism and leisure, Coun Anthony Ernest, said: "It will provide a unique, sustainable building in a fantastic setting overlooking the sea that can be used as an information source for visitors, and as a base for a huge variety of community activities."

## Local landscape inspires artist

BARRY artist Guy Pitt will hold an exhibition of photographs and drawings of local landscapes at the Travellers Gallery, Barry Station, Broad Street, Barry, from January 16-March 8.

He explains: "I have been drawing and photographing my local landscape since childhood".

He often uses specialist large format cameras that he has designed himself, and has now retired after spending the last part of his career as a scientific photogra-

pher. The Travellers Gallery exhibition programme is run in partnership between Mind in the Vale and VOGA (Vale of Glamorgan Artists).

The Travellers in Mind Café in Barry's Broad Street Station is a work experience setting for people recovering from mental health problems.

For more information contact Mind in the Vale (Registered Charity no 1066411) on 01446 730792, or visit [www.mindinthevale.org.uk](http://www.mindinthevale.org.uk) and [www.voga.org.uk](http://www.voga.org.uk).

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**LEFT:**

Newydd tenants and staff, Castleland Communities First staff and the local PCSO Hayley Warren all together with Santa ready to spread the festive cheer to people who live near and around 3 Dunlin Court, Barry.

## DUNLIN COURT WAS IN A FESTIVE MOOD

A FESTIVE party held at Dunlin Court in Barry was a great success, with more than 100 people attending.

Linda Chamberlain, Newydd Housing Association tenant,

said: "It was an absolutely fabulous event with lots for the children to do.

"They were all very excited lining up and couldn't wait to see Santa.

"My family is over the moon with the pho-

tographs. It was good that adults could also have a say on what they would like to see happen in the area."

The event was organised in partnership by the Newydd Housing Association and Castleland Communities First, supported by local PCSO Hayley Warren and the Vale of Glamorgan Council VPOD bus.

*Rare turtles are washed up on Vale beach! (See page 13 for the full story)*



PICTURED: Nyiera, from the Barry Waterfront, with Santa after winning first prize for colouring a picture of the man himself.

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# OBE for local man after 19 years as head of his school

by PHILIP IRWIN



Dr Chris Howard.

A headteacher from Barry was awarded the OBE in the recent New Year Honours List for his services to education.

The honour marks 19 years' service as the head of the same boys' secondary school in Pengam, and Dr Chris Howard made it clear to the GEM that the school, its staff and pupils mean a great deal to him.

He told The GEM: "I am still excited about working with a great group of people and there is a great collaborative team here at Lewis School.

"I accept it very much on their behalf."

Dr Howard became head at Lewis School, in 1992. It was his first headship, although he had been deputy head for five years at Cantonian High School in Cardiff.

He now lives in Ystradowen, but was brought up in Barry and went to Jenner Park Primary, and then Barry Boys Secondary, before going on to university, first in Bristol and then Cambridge.

During his school-days, he was a keen footballer and played for the town at under-16, under-18 and under-21 level. He was also a founder member of Barry Bluebirds.

He taught history and economics in England, before coming home to Wales, at which point he settled in Ystradowen.

He and his wife Keris, who is also a teacher and is assistant head at Llansannor School, brought up five children in the Vale – sons Nick, Andrew, Gareth, and Tim, and daughter Bethan.

All of the children went to Llansannor School and then to Cowbridge Comprehensive school.

Dr Howard is the national president of the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) and has also worked in an advisory capacity with other schools.

He has also worked as an advisor to the Welsh Government in Cardiff Bay.

In Cowbridge, he is perhaps best known for his involvement in Stuart's Campaign; the group of parents, in the main from Ystradowen, who came together after

12-year-old Stuart Cunningham-Jones, a pupil at Cowbridge Comprehensive, died in a school bus crash in December 2002.

Dr Howard chaired that group and, after a long and determined campaign, changes have been made to the law governing school buses.

Dr Howard said that the tragedy still affected everyone in the village, but that the community had been able to channel its grief into something good.

At Lewis School, he was involved in another campaign – one aimed at getting new buildings that secured its future.

He told The GEM: "I told no one about the possibility that I might receive this honour – apart from Keris because she opens the mail.

"You are asked if you would accept, but I only knew for certain when the list was announced."

He reflected: "It has been a great experience working at Lewis School, and I am still enjoying it.

"When the time comes to leave, I would miss working with the adults, and definitely miss the pupils.

"I would miss the levelling effect you get when you mix with young people – particularly because of their sense of humour."

He added: "Young people get a bad press sometimes, but I have a very high opinion of those that I know.

"It's the reason why I have always enjoyed teaching."

## Association re-nominates councillors



Councillors Sarah Sharpe and Anthony Ernest.

THE Cardiff South and Penarth Conservative Association has re-nominated county councillors Anthony Ernest and Sarah Sharpe to be their candidates in the May local government elections.


Coun Ernest has represented Sully and Lavernock since 1993, while Coun Sharpe joined him eight years ago, when the ward was awarded additional representation on the Vale Council.

Coun Ernest said: "It is an immense privilege to be asked to stand again in Sully."



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The club member added: "It has not been reported in minutes of meetings of the committee that there has been any immediate concern about finances or cash-flow of the club."

"At the last AGM, members were asked to support an increase in membership fees. This was rejected by the members on the basis that it was felt unnecessary."

He added that, in his opinion, the new course would be shorter, with more par threes, and that some of the best holes would be lost.

A local opposition group, HOPE (Highlight Organisation to Protect our Environment), is already well established and the group has called a public meeting for January 16 (7pm) in Highlight Park Community Centre.

These local residents have the support of Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth. The group's co-ordinator, Keith Stockdale, said: "The application to build houses on green fields is outrageous."

"The site is not included in the Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan (LDP), and the application should, therefore be

refused."

Vale MP Alun Cairns also believes that the fact the site is not in the LDP will stop it going ahead.

In fact, Mr Cairns issued a press release describing the plans as "thwarted".

He said: "The Vale Council's draft Local Development Plan will be published for consultation soon, now that the council's cabinet has approved the document."

Mr Cairns said: "The plan provides the blueprint for development across the Vale over the next 15 years, once finally ratified by the council. I welcome the fact that within the draft plan, the Brynhill Golf Club site is not included for any part to be developed."

A spokesman for Redrow, however, said that in the event of members voting for the scheme, steps would be taken at that point to get the land included in the LDP.

He said: "I can't put a time scale on this. However, in the case of planning approval being granted, it would take one year to build a new clubhouse and remodel the course - something that has to be done before any building can take place."

"Once that has been completed, the house building would take a total of four years."

He continued: "Redrow has experience of delivering similar schemes and has a number of sites in the region at various stages of development."

"Our aim is to take forward the best possible scheme, which will include around 180 new homes, as well as an improved junction with the A4050 and areas of public open space, while minimising any impact on the local community."

"If the proposals are given the go ahead, then not only will the club have a secure financial future and enhanced facilities, but much-

needed quality family housing will be provided for this part of Barry."

"The residential development will also create around 250 construction jobs over the build period, while securing more than twice this number in businesses involved in the supply chain, all of which are desperately needed in the current economic conditions."

Three of the existing holes, along with the current clubhouse and car park, will form the site of the new housing development which will border existing residential areas to the south of the course.

The reconfiguration will create two sets of nine holes, both returning to the new clubhouse, and a full length buggy path that can be used all year round.

Full details of the proposals, including a draft masterplan of the proposed housing scheme and new 18-hole course layout, will be made available at the public exhibition on January 20-21 in the Brynhill club house.

Further information and timings will be published on the club's website at [www.brynhillgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.brynhillgolfclub.co.uk)

## 'Clear away refuse' call



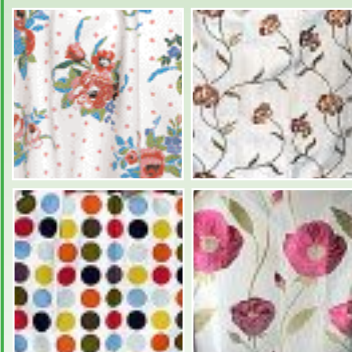
ABOVE: Coun Stenstrom says he wants to see the problem of waste and litter eliminated from Meirion Close.

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Mr Ingram added: "Meanwhile, colleagues from cleansing will remove any outstanding waste from the Meirion Close grounds, and housing officers will continue to monitor the position while we try to find a longer-term solution."

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## Allotment arrests

LAST week, The GEM reported on a raid at Old Pencoedre Allotments in Gibbonsdown, Barry, in which it was alleged that animals were mistreated and tools stolen.

This week, a spokesman for Barry police said: "Seven males were arrested on suspicion of burglary and causing unnecessary suffering to a protected animal."

"They have been released on bail pending further investigation."

## QUIZ NIGHT

A GENERAL knowledge quiz will be held on Saturday, January 28, at 7.30pm in W y n d h a m Conservative Club and Institute, Harbour Road, Barry.

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# 'HORRIFIED' – villagers' shock as dead horses are dumped in lane

**PEOPLE in Llandow Village are "horrified" that two more dead horses have been dumped in a nearby country lane.**

They are the fourth and fifth dead horses to have been dumped in the same location in recent months.

Maz Bowles, a resident in the village for eight years, told The GEM: "People have been upset and horrified by what they have seen in the lane – it is used regularly by local people and children for walks and taking out their dogs."

"Last August, I was taking my dog up the lane and he wanted to go into the ferns. We found the body of a tiny foal."

"A week later, further up the lane, there was the body of another foal as tiny as the first one. I think they may have been dumped at the same time."

The lane concerned is

the extension of Grove Road, Llandow, which heads in the direction of Sutton.

A few weeks after the carcasses of the foals were abandoned, a villager out blackberry picking, found a dead two-year-old cob.

On Friday, January 6 Maz made the latest grim discovery just feet away from the lane and in full view of passers-by.

"There were two multi-coloured yearlings with fluffy hair. People are very upset that this is happening in their lane."

"These are people who can't be bothered to dispose of the horses in the proper way."

In the initial incidents, the highways department of the Vale Council removed one of the foals and the cob, but the carcass of another foal had decomposed.

Maz said that people travelling through the Vale often saw horses in fields without sufficient grazing and she won-

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dered whether the horses found locally have fallen victim to a lack of food.

'Fly-grazing', in which horses are left illegally in someone else's field, could be contributing to the problem of abandoned carcasses.

**'APPALLING'**  
South Wales Central AM, Andrew RT Davies, who lives in the Vale, has called on the Minister for Animal Welfare to convene a stakeholder group consisting of the police, local authorities and animal health charities to deal with this issue.

He said: "I would urge the Minister to convene a stakeholder group at the earliest opportunity with a view to getting on top of this serious issue."

Mr Davies said the problem of fly-grazing had afflicted the Vale, Cardiff and Bridgend for a number of winters and

must be stopped because of the cruelty it inflicts on animals and the damage it causes property.

He added: "It is incredibly distressing to find that dead horses have been discarded in such a manner, and this clearly highlights significant animal welfare issues."

"We are talking about people who can't even be bothered to dispose of a dead animal properly, which is frankly appalling."

"I have written to the Minister with responsibility for animal welfare calling for action to be taken with reference to the separate issue of fly-grazing – but I feel certain that animal welfare charities will want to play an active role with other key stakeholders in stamping out this practice, too."

"Naturally, it is impossible at this stage to know whether the two

issues are linked in this instance."

A Vale Council spokesman said: "The issue of dumping dead animals is currently being monitored by the council."

"Tracing ownership is often very difficult; however, the Vale Council will respond to all complaints in relation to this matter as soon as possible and within our policy guidelines."

"The issue of abandoned horses or 'fly grazing' horses on private land falls under the Animals Act 1971, a civil piece of legislation, which leaves it up to the land owner to enforce."

"The Vale Council can only advise on how to proceed with this process. Any concerns in relation to welfare and lack of grazing should be reported to the RSPCA. However, the landowner does have responsibility for the reasonable care of the animals."

"Recently, the number of incidents relating to straying horses and 'fly grazing' has increased significantly and the Vale Council is working in partnership with the police, the RSPCA and Bridgend County Borough Council to address the growing

problem."

An RSPCA spokeswoman said: "While the sight of a dead animal can be very distressing, our officers do not have the facilities to remove or conceal dead bodies."

"As a charity, the RSPCA has limited resources and our officers cover great distances, especially at weekends, and their priority has to be to those animals which are still alive and may be suffering."

(See 'Harrowing scenes,' page 8)



**ABOVE:**  
The carcasses of two yearlings were found near Llandow.

## 'Clean up dog mess!' pet owners are urged

**A MATCH at Dinas Powys Football Club had to be stopped on Saturday (January 7) because of dog mess on the pitch.**

The club has now issued an appeal to local dog owners to ensure they keep their pets off the pitch and remove any dog mess nearby.

An exasperated club spokesman, Morley Williams, explained: "Dog fouling on the football pitch at The Murch, Dinas Powys, is still causing problems and having to be removed before most Welsh League matches."

"Last Saturday was no exception with three piles removed before the game and later the game had to be stopped to remove yet another pile."

"This has been ongoing for some time even though it has been reported

to the Vale Council who have arranged for their dog warden to check the area."

Dinas Powys is not the only sports club in the Vale to have suffered the problem.

In Llantwit Major recently, two youngsters at a youth rugby training session had to leave a pitch and have a shower after they ended up covered in dog faeces.

But that is not the only issue Dinas Powys Football Club had to face on Saturday.

Mr Williams added: "Holes are also being dug in the pitch, whether deliberately by somebody or by their dog."

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## Tea dance group hands cheque to Penarth hospice



The cheque is handed over to a Marie Curie representative.

MEMBERS of the Penarth Tea Dance Association attended a party at the Paget Rooms during the festive period.

An association spokesman said: "During the afternoon, a cheque was presented to a representative from the Marie Curie hospice at

Penarth in support of their good work.

"The afternoon was a great success, with Father Christmas in attendance and some of our dancers are pictured (above) making the presentation."

## How Auld Lang Syne replaced Dydd Calan in New Year celebration

THE observation of a New Year on January 1 dates back to 153 BC, during the rule of the Romans. Before this celebrated date was set, March 25 was considered to be the beginning of the New Year.

It was not until 1752 that Britain adopted January 1 for New Year's Day, because it was calculated as the first month on the Gregorian calendar, named after Pope Gregory.

This date was considered to be lucky because the full moon on that night was thought to bring hope for the year ahead.

There are many ancient customs surrounding New Year which were believed to bring good luck.

One entailed 'burning the bush', which was thought to banish the evils of the past to make way for a new beginning.

On New Year's Day, children from our early world would dance from house-to-house, singing songs before noon - collecting gifts such as coins, apples and sweets.

If they failed to complete the singing before

midday, they would be labelled as fools.

The 'first footing' tradition at the stroke of midnight gave the belief that the first person to enter through the door would bring good luck for the year ahead.

In Wales, Dydd Calan was celebrated from dawn to dusk.

Young boys would carry a cup or jug of water with twigs from evergreen trees, and visit houses around their neighbourhood whilst singing. Mischievously, they would splash the house dwellers with the water using the twigs in order to receive money.

Traditions like these are no longer in practice in our modern world, as more up-to-date methods have replaced them. New Year nowadays is celebrated with parties, dancing, fireworks and singing the traditional Auld Lang Syne, which originates from the Scottish Hogmanay.

At the stroke of midnight, with the last chime from the clock ringing in our ears, it has become customary to open the door to let the old year out and welcome the new one in. This is now our symbol for good luck for the year ahead.

Ghostly tales are still rife around the turn of

the New Year, and Moor Lane in Porthcawl is no exception.

This creepy lane is known for its eerie stories, and has its own tales of ghosts who enjoy making their presence known around the time of Christmas and the New Year.

The mysterious sound of church bells has been heard ringing out into the darkness at midnight from an invisible place of worship, sending shivers down the spines of its witnesses.

One legend maintains that the bells from a forgotten church are rung out by legendary religious inhabitants from a bygone era.

But who could these people be, and why would they want to perform this deed in a place that has no relevance to our traditions today?

The 19th Century bridge in Moor Lane is known for its supernatural occurrences, and at midnight a headless horseman has been seen thundering across it before disappearing at the blink of an eye.

Could this chilling image be a reenactment of an unforeseen tragedy from the structure's distant past, or just another misjudged figment of imagination? Myth or legend? Only you can decide...

HAYLEY WILLIAMS  
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## Roadworks report

Port Road, Barry; Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys at junction with Cross Common Road; Ewenny Road, St Brides Major (near the Spar shop) - Temporary traffic control.

## BRYN HAFREN SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 7's Christmas Assembly was full of festive cheer: 7AX got everyone in the Christmas spirit with a Christmas alphabet, followed by renditions of Christmas favourites, including 'Jingle Bells'.

This was followed by presentations to 7LJ for 'winning form of the term' and 7AX, who had the best attendance for the autumn term.

There was also a £50 prize for the winner of the 100 per cent attendance draw, Shania Booles of 7HR.

They may be the youngest year group, but year-7 have led from the front in terms of attendance, with no year-7 form dropping below 93 per cent for the autumn term.

Six pupils received Christmas goodies for being nominated 'pupil of the half term' by their form tutors, for outstanding effort and positive attitude.

There were smiles all round from the winners of the Christmas card competition, with overall winner, Sian Morris of 7CC, walking away with the cuddly toy!

It was a lovely way to end a very successful term for year-7, many of whom were involved in distributing Christmas hampers to senior citizens in Barry on Monday.

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## Arrests follow affray in Barry

THREE people were arrested in Barry concerning a public order offence.

The three detentions for affray on Holton Road on January 6, formed part of six carried out by South Wales Police in the town, as the result of information provided by CCTV operators.

Working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, the

team also passed on details which led to the arrest of one person on Court Road, on January 4, on an outstanding warrant.

On January 6, police made an arrest following an attempted burglary on Gladstone Road and arrested a person on Paget Road, on January 8, in connection with an assault.

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# Harrowing scenes as horses starve after local 'fly grazing' incidents

## AM CALLS FOR SUMMIT TO TACKLE LEGAL CONFUSION

**THE Leader of the Welsh Conservatives has called for a summit meeting in the wake of the latest example of "fly grazing" – the shocking case of horses that were dumped in a local nature reserve over the Christmas period.**

Harrowing scenes were broadcast showing about 40 horses – described as 'gypsy cobs' – scrabbling about to find something to eat. Some of the animals died because of the lack of food.

To make matters worse, the horses had been dumped in 'Monks Wood' near Wick, land that is owned by the Woodland Trust and where local residents and

the trust had planted trees to make a community woodland.

The desperate horses have stripped the bark from the trees, doing irreparable damage.

As the horses are on private land, the police say that it is a civil matter, and that they have no power to intervene.

The South Wales Central AM, Andrew RT Davies who leads the Conservatives in the Assembly, has called on the Assembly Minister for Animal Welfare to convene a stakeholder group made up of the Police, local authorities and animal health charities to deal with the issue.

Mr Davies joined growing calls for action to be taken on this issue. He said: "I would urge the Minister to convene a

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stakeholder group at the earliest opportunity with a view to getting on top of this serious issue."

"We need to first establish whether sufficient powers currently exist to address the problem or, failing that, to determine whether new measures need to be drafted in the Assembly."

"This problem is not restricted to the Vale, but is also affecting Cardiff and Bridgend. This has been happening for a number of winters now and it must be stopped."

"Not only does fly-grazing inflict terrible cruelty and neglect on animals, it leads to the wanton destruction of private property."

At Monks Wood, the

and Llangewydd in Bridgend, but on a much larger scale.

Around 250 horses were dumped, and the situation came to a head in late February and early March, as the feed ran out for the animals.

Once again, horses died and The GEM was sent photographs of horses slowly decaying in the fields.

RSPCA inspectors were called in and local residents called The GEM to say that they were taking feed to the starving horses.

Once again, when the situation became critical, the animals were collected and taken away by the owner.

### GEM NOTE:

*It has been a distressing week for animal lovers in the Vale. The carcasses of two yearling horses were found dumped in a lane near Llandow – only a few miles from Wick.*

*It is not known if the two incidents are linked. (See story on page 6).*

### MORE HORSES DUMPED

–THIS TIME AT COSMESTON  
ANOTHER 68 horses were dumped at Cosmeston Country



ABOVE: This pony was rescued from Cosmeston Park, but was too ill to survive.

**Park, which is owned by the Vale Council.**

In this case, the council posted a notice under the Animals Act on December 29.

This means that the council can step in after 14 days and take the horses away to be rehomed.

A council spokeswoman told The GEM: "One of the horses has died, but since placing the notice, the council has been responsible for their welfare, and has been providing feed for the horses."

A local animal lover, who asked not to be named for fear of reprisals, sent The GEM a picture (above) of the horse that had died.

She said: "We were called out to a young gypsy colt at Cosmeston Park, where a couple of weeks ago more than 60 horses were yet again dumped!"

He (the colt) did not make it – sadly, a horrible death from severe

infection and starvation, which no young horse should suffer"

The legal situation regarding fly-grazing is not at all clear, and the police have been criticised for not taking action.

A police spokesman explained that it was a civil matter and that the police could only become involved if the horses were loose on the highway.

Andrew RT Davies' call for a summit is designed to get rid of the legal confusion. For some, it cannot come soon enough.

The animal lover who tried in vain to save the Cosmeston pony told The GEM:

"It will be spring again and more foals will be born and will be dumped and lose their lives."

"It's time for the Vale and Wales to stand up and take action before it's all too late!"

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## Guide Dogs' plea for more puppy walkers

**GUIDE Dogs Cymru is making a New Year appeal for volunteer puppy walkers in the Vale and Bridgend county boroughs.**

They are needed for the full time care and education of guide dog pups from six weeks until approximately 12 to 14 months of age, when they are returned to the charity to begin specialised guide dog training.

Mel Wharmby, Guide Dogs' puppy walking supervisor said: "We're looking for enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers who can care for the pups full time because at the end of the day, if we don't have puppy walkers we don't have guide

dogs. Puppy walking is challenging and it's a real commitment to take a puppy in to your home for a year, but with the support of Guide Dogs staff, our volunteers find it extremely rewarding and worthwhile"

The young dogs will spend much of their first year living with the puppy walker volunteers in their home; who teach them basic obedience and get them used to a home environment, noise and bustle of towns.

For more information, call Guide Dogs on 0845 371 7771 or email volunteer@guidedogs.org.uk or visit www.guidedogs.org.uk/puppywalker.

### BRYNHILL (BARRY) GOLF CLUB

## AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

will be held at

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**On Thu 26th Jan 2012 at 7.30pm**

Please note - proof of membership may be asked for. This will be a closed meeting and not open to the general public.

This meeting has been called to vote on entering into an option agreement for the redevelopment of the course and club house.

Please note - Junior and House members are not entitled to attend or vote.

**The dress code will be smart casual**

## Birthday classics at St David's Hall!

**CARDIFF Philharmonic Orchestra's 30th birthday season continues in February with a programme of favourite classics, opening with one of Rossini's most sparkling overtures, The Thieving Magpie.**  
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It's a series of portraits in music of a group of Elgar's friends – including the deeply moving *Nimrod* and, finally, Elgar's own magnificent self-portrait.

• Tickets for this concert are on sale now at [www.stdavidshall-cardiff.co.uk](http://www.stdavidshall-cardiff.co.uk) or at the box office on 029 2087 8444.

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## POLICE TACKLE ALCOHOL SALES

**POLICE in the Vale are working with Trading Standards to tackle under-age alcohol sales, after some shop owners were found breaking the law.**

Licencees are being urged to ensure that they and their staff understand and uphold legislation, after several off-licence retailers were found to be serving alcohol to underage youths during recent 'test purchase' operations.

Vale licensing officer PC Dave Barrett said: "By conducting these test purchase operations in conjunction with the local Trading Standards we are able to highlight retailers' responsibilities in respect of the sale of alcohol to people under the age of 18."

"Disappointingly, several off-licences in the area were found to be breaking the law."

PC Barrett warned: "Shopkeepers and staff must realise the consequences of selling alcohol to those under 18. If caught, the individual responsible for the sale will be issued with an £80 fixed penalty ticket,

and further offences may be relevant to the premises licence holder."

The police and Trading Standards say they will continue to monitor whether the law is being upheld.

PC Barrett said: "We hope the operation will

send a clear message out to retailers that sales of alcohol to under 18s will not be tolerated.

"We want to reassure our communities that this issue is being tackled by the police and partner agencies," he added.

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## FISHING MATCH RAISES FUNDS FOR ASHGROVE



ABOVE: John and Tess Little with Ashgrove pupils Tudur Burrell and Shane Doran.

DOW Corning Sea Angling Club recently held an open sea fishing match at Cold Knap and Porthkerry beaches – to raise money for Ashgrove School which supports autistic children.

One hundred anglers turned up on an overcast, dry day with a slight easterly wind which can be torture for many an angler!

## Grand Canyon walk for a local hospice

Community fundraisers hours a day exploring amazing views and waterfalls – whilst battling with the intense heat and rocky terrain. If you would like to join this fundraising adventure on October 13-20, call 02920 426068, or visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk) /trekforpenarth2012 for full details.

At the end of the match, 30 anglers brought fish to the scales and it was local man and Sea View Lads' member, Aidey Harris, who showed us how to do it with 14lb 6ozs of fish which included a fine 13lb 13ozs Conger Eel.

Second was Gerald John of Gwent/Dow Corning Sac with a 9lb bag of Whiting and Dogfish. Third was local angler and tackle shop owner Ray Christoferato, who weighed in with 7lb 14ozs of Whiting and Dogfish.

The weigh-in was back at the Ship Inn, which kindly gave us the room upstairs. Besides fishing prizes there was also a raffle and Dow Corning employees, anglers, friends and family bought and raised £600.

The anglers also raised £500 plus a £500 donation from Dow Corning, enabling the group to raise £1,600 with the help from the following: Dow Corning, Sea View Lads, Aspinall Angling Supplies, Barry Angling, Holton Rd Angling, Bob's Tackle, Ewemy Angling, Anchorman Charters, Welsh Football Association, Mike O'Shea (Glamorgan Cricket), Cardiff Blues, LME, Redhall, Severn, DBI, Q&A, Rims Motors, SHS, C&P, Simms Garage, The Cherry Orchard, Master Fryer, Rhys T Davies, Asprou Hairdressers, Marshall's butchers, Tony Gwyther, Steve Rees, Gerald John, and Bob Radman; and thanks also to Mrs. Baker and Nicky Sjodin for the sandwiches! JL

## CEMETERY APPROACH: 'Barry public need answers!'

JUST over two years ago, the people of Barry, motivated by the threatened destruction of the beautiful tree-lined Cemetery Approach, overturned a plan for an inappropriate housing development by mustering 11,300 signatures for a protest petition, to ensure that this precious open space was not despoiled by development.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council reversed their previous decision to allow building. Even though the developers decided to take their case to a public planning inquiry, they caved in when they saw the evidence submitted by the Save Cemetery Approach Action Group, of which I was secretary and press officer.

That was in 2009 - and the open space at Cemetery Approach, gifted to the people of Barry by the British Government in 1954, lies neglected.

The local authority even used part of the land to dump debris from the redevelopment of King Square.

The area behind the trees on either side of Cemetery Approach is a

public disgrace and the Vale Council are committing an offence under the 1906 Open Spaces Act by failing to keep it neat and tidy.

The offence is clear. The evidence is there. But the council ignore the problem. After all, who will prosecute them?

The Save Cemetery Approach Action Group proposed that the area

offered a wonderful opportunity for a ground-breaking partnership between the council and local residents – in developing community facilities that would enhance and conserve this precious part of the urban landscape.

There have been discussions between the Vale Council and Barry Town Council – which to its credit was always

against the area being defaced by housing – over who administers the area.

What better time to ensure its future – perhaps linking it to the cemetery as a local conservation area?

It's high time the people of Barry were given some answers.

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ABOVE: Roger with care team members at Ty Hafan.

## MICHELIN STAR CHEF COOKS AT TY HAFAN

FAMILIES and staff at Ty Hafan, the family hospice for young lives, had a real treat on New Year's Eve when Michelin star chef, Roger Jones, dropped in to

cook a fantastic lunch – with help from the hospice's resident kitchen staff and volunteers.

Roger, who runs The Harrow in Little Bedwyn in Wiltshire, became aware of Ty Hafan when he took part in 'Chef's Night Out' at the Mercure Holland House Hotel last September. The fundraising event, organised by David Loosemore, the father of a little girl who uses the hospice, saw 17 well-known and respected chefs produce a wonderful three-course dinner for their particular table of 10 guests.

"I was absolutely delighted when Roger contacted us to offer his services to the hospice over the Christmas period" said Frank Ady from Ty Hafan.

"The lunch was really successful and the kitchen staff felt very honoured to be helping such a highly-regarded chef.

"Needless to say the families and staff thoroughly enjoyed the fantastic food all, of which had been provided by Roger himself – who was also assisted by Mr and Mrs Robert John, from Llancarfan, who were the waiter and waitress. "Everyone at Ty Hafan would like to thank them all for making the day so special"

The menu consisted of a starter of lobster and scallop fish finger with crab salad or chilled beetroot soup, with creamed roquefort and caviar.

For the main course there was a choice of fillet of wild Cornish sea bass with truffles or Welsh black beef korma, with a dessert of chocolate dessert platter.

For more information about Ty Hafan visit [www.tyhafan.org](http://www.tyhafan.org)

## Watch Tower was built when the population of Barry numbered 85!

**THE Watch Tower at the Old Harbour Cold Knap, was built c1860, 25 years prior to the Barry Docks being built, and when the village of Barry had a population of only 85.**

The Watch Tower a two-storey building constructed from local limestone. It was built as a coastguard station, and housed a lifeboat, which was used before the RNLI lifeboat station was built at the entrance to Barry Docks in 1901.

The ground floor extends back under the ground for a distance of approximately 12 feet. Originally there were doors on the front of the building with a slipway that went straight out to sea.

This was gone, according to the OS Map of 1900, and the doorway blocked and replaced with a window.

The rocket shed, which is behind the Watch Tower, was built for the safe storage of rockets, breeches, buoys etc.

The Watch Tower was used to serve teas by the Luen family, until they built their café, and now converted to a residence.

When Alan Reardon-Smith bought the White House, he intended to use the Watch Tower as a bathing house, but with the intervention of the war, The Watch Tower was used by the army, and left in a run-down condition.

The Watch Tower is built approximately one foot above the highest sea levels, and occasionally, when an easterly gale is blowing, the ground floor is flooded.

Following bad storms during the war, by 1947 the Watch Tower slipway was washed away.

In 1948, Mr Jack Evans, on re-establishing the group as Sea Scouts, was keen to have a water activities base for the Scout troop. He gained Mr Reardon-Smith's support to use the Watch Tower as headquarters for the boating activities of the 6th Barry (All Saints) Sea Scouts.

Before the Scouts could occupy the building, it had to be made habitable. Electricity was installed, but the major task was the renewal of the slipway.

The cavernous hole that had been created by the storms was almost three feet deep, and the Scouts spent many hours and weeks recovering the concrete pieces to fill in the hole and transporting hundreds of stones to fill it. On top of this, the concrete was laid.

With unlimited sand on the beach and cement bought at cost price, all that was left to be done was the mixing, and this was all done by hand, by the Scouts and parents.

The first floor was used as a changing room, while the ground floor was used for storage of boats and kayaks built by the Scouts.

The Old Harbour was often used for regattas, many for the south Wales Sea Scouts, and the officials would run the event from the flat roof of the Watch Tower.

In 1956, the senior Scout section, under the leadership of Mr Len Ware, was looking for an independent Scout headquarters, and the members thought that the Watch Tower would make an ideal base.

The building was renovated, with a new concrete floor being laid in the ground floor, and a concrete slab laid above the underground section to prevent the rain penetrating.

A water supply was installed, plasterboard ceilings installed, the fire place opened up, new doors made, a porch put on the outside of the first floor doorway, a stairway made from ground to first floor, a new roof installed, bunks built and the whole place immaculately decorated.

The boats and kayaks were relocated to the rocket shed, which Mr Reardon Smith permitted the group to use.

This proved an excellent HQ for the seniors and later Venture Scouts, who spent many weekends at the den, sailing and boating whenever the tides were suitable.

The council had the Watch Tower recorded as a Grade II listed in 1978.

It was only after the early death of Mr Reardon Smith, that the legal position was established that the Watch Tower belonged to the council, having been taken over by compulsory purchase order, when the Barry Council were planning a barrage from Friars Point to Cold Knap Point.

The new owner of the White House who still owned the rocket shed, was unwilling for the group to have the contin-

ued use of the shed. A new agreement was entered into with the council for the use of Watch Tower as its water activities centre.

In 1999, 50 years after the 6th Barry renewed the slipway, a further storm undermined it and again washed the slipway away.

The council were unwilling to repair the slipway and the group were legally advised that they could not renew it, as it was not part of their property.

The 6th Barry was, therefore, unable to continue to use the building for boating activities, and in 2003 it was handed back to the council.

Since then, the building has deteriorated into an alarming state. At the end of 2011, the key-stones above the south windows and the stonework at the side west windows had dropped out. The grouting of the stonework is in a very poor condition.

It is a legal requirement for the owner (the Vale Council) to be responsible for the maintenance of a listed building.

This is obviously not being carried out, and although they have recently been trying to offload the building, having invited tenders for letting it. The building continues to deteriorate.

PHILIP WALTERS

## Cosmetic surgery open evening

**VALE HEALTH-CARE will hold a cosmetic surgery open evening, at the Vale Hospital, Hensol, on Tuesday, February 7 and Tuesday, March 13.**

It will include: breast augmentation, breast uplift, breast reduction, face lift, Rhinoplasty, Blepharoplasty, Abdominoplasty and all other procedures.

The event at the Vale Hospital (just off J34 of the M4, 15 minutes from Cardiff city centre) will provide an opportunity to hear specialist consultant surgeons talk about the procedures available, and the kind of things to consider if you are thinking about cosmetic surgery.

The evening will also provide an exclusive opportunity to have a 10-15-minute 'mini-consultation' with one of the surgeons, which is completely free of charge.

This is an ideal opportunity if you are thinking about a procedure and would like to find out more.

To book a place at the event, contact Laura Dunning on 01443 449 272, or email [laura.dunning@vale-healthcare.com](mailto:laura.dunning@vale-healthcare.com).

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## Councils start working together

**TWO local councils, the Vale and Bridgend County Borough, have become the first local authorities in Wales to use a shared internal audit service.**

The initiative is part of a joint working programme that will see the two councils working together in a number of areas.

The programme was established in 2010, when each authority signed a 'memorandum of understanding' that outlined their commitment to a number of joint projects.

Alan Jenkins, project manager at the Vale Council, said: "Shared auditing is just one example of how we are working with Bridgend to challenge traditional methods of delivering our services.

"In total, there are in excess of 16 live projects across the services of both councils that aim to deliver savings, or enhance services to residents.

"These new ways of working are a necessary response to the challenging financial climate we

all find ourselves in."

A spokeswoman said that the new shared internal audit service provides a number of benefits, including savings in management costs, a larger pool of resources, savings in accommodation and travel allowances, increased availability of specialist audit resources, and also enhanced opportunities for career progression within the service.

David MacGregor, assistant chief executive at Bridgend County Borough Council, said: "Bringing our services together in this way will help make us be more efficient and act as a blueprint for other joint working initiatives".

Other joint working projects being developed by the two authorities include areas such as civil parking enforcement and trading standards.

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# ALERT AS RARE TURTLES WASHED UP ON A BEACH

**AN environmental group is asking Vale residents to look out for turtles that are being blown across the Atlantic by strong winds.**

Two of the rarest marine turtle species were washed up on a beach near Llantwit Major over the Christmas period.

The warm water Kemp's ridley turtles were reported to the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) after the

charity urged walkers to report sightings of dead or alive turtles, after one was found on a beach in Ceredigion in December.

The first of the recent strandings was spotted a few days after Christmas at Tresilian Bay near Llantwit Major by Rebecca Dwerryhouse who was out walking her dog.

She reported the dead animal to MCS and then returned to the beach with her daughter in gale-force winds to bag up the turtle so it could be

collected for post-mortem.

The second animal was reported to MCS on January 3, by Stephen Williams, just a few yards from where Rebecca had found the first one.

An MCS spokeswoman said: "Rebecca has since decided to patrol local beaches on a regular basis in the coming weeks in case more turtles are washed up."

Dr Peter Richardson, the MCS biodiversity programme manager,

said: "The windy weather blowing onto our shores will have generated surface currents in the ocean that will have sucked these small, young turtles from the warmer waters where they live, into our chilly seas."

"They cannot survive our winter temperatures for long, but can sometimes be rescued if reported in time. It's essential that anyone finding stranded turtles on our shores reports them as soon as possible."

In the 1980s, Kemp's

were on the brink of extinction as a result of hunting and egg collection on the nesting beaches in Mexico and accidental capture and drowning in shrimp trawling nets fishing in the Gulf.

Strict protection on the beaches, and the use of special turtle excluder devices in Gulf of Mexico shrimp fisheries have contributed to the recovery of the species and now thousands of female Kemp's ridley turtles emerge to nest each year.

Dr Richardson said:

"We would ask people to keep their eyes peeled for stranded turtles. Please don't throw them back in the sea but get them away from the water in a sheltered place, preferably in a cardboard box out of draughts - stranded turtles can appear dead but may still be alive and can be rescued."

"However if they have died they are also useful to us for post-mortem research. All the relevant numbers are available on our downloadable UK Turtle Code, which you can find on our website at [www.mcsuk.org](http://www.mcsuk.org)"



ABOVE: The Kemp's ridley turtle.

## 'Local hero' to preach

**THERE is the chance to hear a renowned priest who led the restoration of an historic Cardiff church, this Sunday (January 15).**

The 10am Sunday service at the church of St Paul, Barry, will be taken by the Reverend Roy Dosey, who for 15 years was vicar of the imposing Church of St German, in Adamsdown, Cardiff.

In fact, the connection between St Paul's and St

German's dates back more than 100 years to when a young curate, Reverend David Weatherill, was sent to Barry from St German's to complete the building of St Paul's.

This was, to become the first Anglican church built in the new town of Barry.

Everyone is welcome to join the service and meet Father Dosey, who will be accompanied by his equally-famous Jack Russell terrier, Megan!

Father Dosey's widely-varied life as a priest included serving in the

poorest and most deprived parts of Africa and as chaplain at an English public school.

Arriving in Cardiff some 15 years ago, he led the restoration of St German church.

Built in one of the poorest areas and designed by the Victorian architect GF Bodley, it has now been finally restored to its original condition.

Father Roy served as chairman of the community association and as governor of Adamsdown School, and this led to him receiving the 'Local Hero's' award. **TE**

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## MERYL STREEP THE ONLY BRIGHT LIGHT AS LEADEN BIOPIC DOESN'T CLICK

**YOU** can sense when January comes around, cinematically-speaking, by the amount of quality films that come out on release; while the majority of the rest of the year sees remakes, rehashes and dumb-down films, the early part of the year sees those with Oscar hopes make their cinematic bow.

There is nothing more awards-friendly than a biopic, and with Oscar magnet Meryl Streep in the title role, it makes the release of *The Iron Lady* the first shot in the awards war.

It tells the story of how a young woman by the name of Margaret Thatcher rose up through the ranks of politics to eventually become Prime Minister and preside over a highly controversial reign that took in plenty of action...

The thought of a Margaret Thatcher biopic will either fill you with joy or make your blood boil with rage depending on your political leanings.

Arguably, the most divisive political leader of the 20th century, Thatcher hardly seems the usual subject matter for the big screen to take on, though under the auspice of *Mamma Mia!* director Phyllida Lloyd and Meryl Streep, she is very much now part of celluloid history.

Those hoping for an in-depth look at her reign as leader of the country, however, will need to wait another day, as *The Iron Lady* is less a political drama and more a look at the life of a woman battling against the odds to achieve her aims and goals.

It is also a rather leaden film that doesn't really click together, lead performance notwithstanding.

The buzz of Meryl Streep's performance has been hard to ignore in the run-up to the release, but it is buzz that is wholly justified, the actress delivering an incredibly mesmerising turn that manages to avoid impersonation and instead focuses on the woman as a whole. Certainly, given the resources of films, there

is very little point in praising the make-up that turns Streep into Thatcher, but it is a performance that comes to vivid life under the prosthetic, the vocals, mannerisms and personality all coming across broadly without resorting to stretching the realism of the performance.

At times you would be hard pressed to tell the difference between the two, and as impressive as it is, it's what Streep manages to do to the character that is all the more wonderful – taking such a high-profile figure and making her feel real and, dare I say it, sympathetic – albeit almost arctic in temperament.

It is a wonderful performance from the actress, but one that is only really matched in any way by Jim Broadbent's Denis Thatcher.

Broadbent provides both light humour and emotion as the husband who pops up in her visions, his lightness of touch a pleasing counterpoint to Streep's strong focus, the actor wonderful in a role that is downgraded somewhat by the script.

While the likes of Olivia Coleman, Richard E Grant, Anthony Head and Nicholas Farrell all offer decent turns,

unlike Streep you can't really shake off the feeling that they are impersonating rather than inhabiting the characters of Carol Thatcher, Michael Heseltine, Geoffrey Howe and Airey Neave, making Streep's turn all the more impressive.

The film's main failings come through the direction and the script. Lloyd may have made *Mamma Mia!* a commercial triumph, but she seems ill-prepared and not ready to move into more substantial territory.

Her background as theatre director is all the more apparent here, shorn of sunny locales, as the film feels visually very flat and more akin to a stage production rather than a film; Lloyd offers little of any great substance to add to proceedings.

Written by Abi Morgan, who was also responsible for last summer's TV series *The Hour*, the story feels overly complicated and trying to be cleverer than it actually is.

A smart narrative conceit of Thatcher reliving her life in flashback becomes muddled and loose, while Morgan steers clear of the controversial aspects of her reign, something that makes the piece feel a little flimsy.

Couple that with the

overriding sense that Thatcher's big decisions (the sinking of the Belgrano, the poll tax) were made because she felt she wasn't taken seriously as a woman in power, and you have a script that doesn't really address the meat and bones of the subject matter.

Certainly, the aspect that touches the most is seeing a once-powerful woman reduced to being a prisoner in her own home due to debilitating illness – but even that seems partly a way to gain the audience's sympathy, rather than portray the woman on her own terms.

It smacks of a missed opportunity to tell such an interesting story, but Lloyd and Morgan combine to make something that doesn't really grab or inspire. The lack of political bias is appealing, but fails to really address the true nature of Thatcher, and ultimately *The Iron Lady* becomes about Meryl Streep's awe-inspiring turn and little else. **VERDICT** - Aside from Meryl Streep,

## SCREEN TALK



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there is little else to really rave about with *The Iron Lady*.

Certainly, the actress is at the top of her game, with a mesmerising performance that goes well above mere impersonation – but the rest of the film misses a golden opportunity to really look at such a controversial person as Margaret Thatcher and her life. *Average*.

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It is hoped that LNR status, which is design-

ated under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, will help make nature more accessible to Vale residents and visitors.

Council officers believe LNR status will help protect habitats and species in the 110-hectare former quarry site and help forge partnerships between the council, nature conservation organisations and the community.

The continued

emphasis at the park, which attracts more than 200,000 visitors a year, will be on public access, education and conservation.

Cabinet member for leisure and tourism, Coun Anthony Ernest, said: "Cosmeston Lakes are managed to protect the natural flora and fauna. An LNR's true value comes from making nature accessible to everyone.

To let the council know your views, by March 10, email: [cosmestonlakes@vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:cosmestonlakes@vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk) or write to Steve Latham, country parks and commons manager, Cosmeston Lakes Country Park, Lavernock Road, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan.

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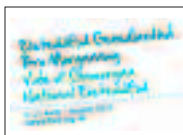
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To nominate someone for the 2012 Sir Thomas Parry-Williams Medal, contact the National Eisteddfod chief executive Elfed Roberts on 0845 4090 300 or by emailing gwyb@eisteddfod.org.uk.

You can also ask for a nomination form by writing to the chief executive at 40 Parc Ty Glas, Llanisien, Cardiff CF14 5DU.

The closing date for nominations is January 31, and the medal will be presented at a special ceremony on the Pavilion stage at the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod, held from August 4-11.

The winner's name will be announced in April.

## VoGA art show at the Eisteddfod gets boost

A GROUP of Vale artists have been awarded £2,500 to help mount an exhibition at this year's Welsh National Eisteddfod in Llandow.

The Vale Council's cabinet approved the sum for the Vale of Glamorgan Artists' (VoGA) show in August.

Based around the poem 'Y Lliaws Sy'n Llosgi/The Multitude that is Burning', by Welsh poet Menna Elfyn, the exhibition will showcase the work of 17 professional artists.

VoGA's project to produce new works for the exhibition will involve AS level art and graphic design students from Llantwit Major Comprehensive School and will pro-

fessionally mentor young people in developing arts skills alongside professional artists.

The exhibition will also feature work by young people in the main Eisteddfod marquee.

Cabinet member for tourism and leisure, Coun Anthony Ernest, said: "The Vale of Glamorgan Council is delighted to be supporting this exhibition at this important event on the Welsh cultural calendar."

"Over the years, VoGA have provided the community with professional exhibitions and community arts workshops. They are a valid part of our cultural landscape."

For information on the Eisteddfod, visit: [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/enjoying/eisteddfod\\_2012.aspx](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/enjoying/eisteddfod_2012.aspx).

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## Happy new year for Vale Heritage

**IT'S** customary at this time of year to look back on the events of the last 12 months; and much has taken place with a view to establishing a Vale heritage museum to be located in Barry.

Barry and the Vale are blessed not only with a fascinating and wide-ranging heritage, but also an abundance of groups dedicated to the research and preservation of this heritage. 2011 actually saw the first donation to any future museum, with a Barry Centennial Book being posted to Barry Library, for inclusion in the future museum's collection.

As a group tasked with promoting the concept of a museum to celebrate this heritage, in 2011 the Vale Heritage Centre Coalition formulated and submitted a proposal to the Barry Regeneration Board for the establishment of a small museum to be established at Barry Island. This small museum sought to enable the foundations of a governing and organising body for a museum to be formed.

While the building suggested had already been allocated to the Barry Tourist Railway, the principle of establishing the organisational foundations needed to run a museum remain fundamental to the future creation of such a museum, and the group remains committed to this concept.

Central to our bid was also the concept of 'heritage hubs' of existing heritage activities and venues across the Vale.

These should be linked where possible by 'heritage spokes', be these heritage trails or heritage transport, such as the Barry Tourist Railway. This concept is crucial to spreading the benefits of a Barry based museum across the Vale.

The VHCC bid was considered, but not progressed due to the need for a suitable building. The actual building, however, was secondary to the concepts brought before the board.

The year 2011 also saw the Vale of Glamorgan Council commission consultants to investigate options for the establishment of a Vale museum, and the Vale Heritage Centre Coalition has worked with both the council and the consultants to try to encourage interested groups and individuals to contribute to the research.

A number of options were considered during the 'options appraisal', ranging from providing additional support to existing heritage groups, to establishing a landmark museum in Barry.

A workshop was held in December, at which the merits of each idea were discussed, and the VHCC is expecting the council to release the final report early in the New Year. Based on the discussions at the workshop, we're optimistic that the findings will support the unique heritage of Barry and the Vale.

The growth in heritage events in and around Barry will not have passed un-noticed during 2011.

The Barry at War Group, for example, regularly remind people of the town's wartime heritage and the group is currently planning a 'Wartime Weekend' in June, in partnership with the Barry Tourist Railway, Cardiff Transport Preservation Group and many other local historians.

This weekend-long event seeks to remember the role played by Barry during the Second World War, and that of the US servicemen stationed in and around the town. There is also the Barry Festival of Transport to look forward to in the summer.

Looking forward, 2012 looks set to be a great year for the heritage of Barry and the Vale, and the Vale Heritage Centre Coalition will continue to play its part towards paving the way to establish a museum to celebrate the unique heritage of this area.

Our AGM is scheduled for April, and interested parties are invited to attend and stand for election.

**ADE PITMAN, chair**  
**Vale Heritage Centre Coalition**

## Residents' group meets

**A NEW residents' group for Rhose Point recently held its first meeting.**

The group, called 'Respect Rhose Point (RRP)' had an open meeting at the Celtic Way Community Centre in Rhose.

Spokesman Paul Humphry told The GEM: "The event was a huge success and saw more than 80 households from Rhose Point represented."

"As well as Rhose Point, other residents from the Rhose area also attended."

He reported that Derek Evans chaired the meeting and an open forum was given to voice whatever concerns residents wanted to discuss.

One particular point raised, he said, was the Vale Council's Local Development Plan (LDP) and its impact on Rhose, as well as other issues such as beach cleaning and respecting the environment.

A full agenda has been proposed for the next meeting and volunteers were forthcoming to form the committee.

Mr Humphry said: "The RRP campaign now has more than 130 members on its Facebook group and the website is set to go live within the next few weeks."

"The association aims to be a voice for the residents on Rhose Point, and also on issues directly affecting Rhose as an area."

"We would like to

thank everyone who attended, and all those who have joined the Facebook group, and look forward to being a real voice within Rhose and the Vale."

## Views sought for anti-dog fouling video

**VOLUNTEERS are needed to help in the production of a video which will encourage people to clean up after their dogs.**

Staff at the Vale Council are set to produce an in-house film in January to raise awareness within the Vale about the nuisance caused by dog fouling.

Although a large proportion of dog owners act responsibly, many still fail to clean up after their dogs. It is those people the Vale Council wants to reach.

Clifford Parish, operational manager for waste management and cleansing, said: "Dog fouling is regularly raised as a public concern, not just locally but nationally. The highest level of dog fouling is usually found in areas closest to where people live."

"We'd like the public

to tell us what bothers them the most about dog fouling; be it lack of bins, availability of dog poo bags or the need to crack down on irresponsible owners."

The Vale Council is looking for people to share their views on camera about the topic.

Do you know anybody whose health has been adversely affected by dog excrement? Are you a wheelchair user or have to wheel a pushchair to navigate your way around dog fouling? Is your business or daily life adversely affected by dog fouling? Do you have any ideas as to how the problem can be addressed?

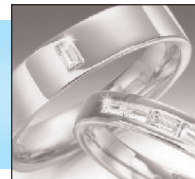
The film will appear on the Vale of Glamorgan Council website and will be used for educational purposes by staff within the community.

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# BRIDES & GROOMS



## Ladies, get ready for that 'leap year' ambush!

**T**HE OLYMPICS are coming to Britain, but Olympic years are

noteworthy for more than the world's greatest sporting extravaganza – they are

'leap' years.

An extra date is added to the calendar every four years, and that falls on February 29.

In Wales and England if a person is born on February 29, they legally reach the age of 18 on February 28 of the relevant year.

But for men of a certain disposition –



those with an aversion to walking up the aisle – February

29 holds its own particular terrors.

British and Irish tradition holds that on that day a woman can surprise her beloved and 'pop the question'.

That tradition is related in an Irish tale that says St Bridget struck a deal with St Patrick to allow women to turn the tables on men who had failed to commit themselves to matrimony and make a proposal of marriage themselves.

In striking the bargain, St Bridget demonstrated she was a very wise woman: understanding that some men

are quite happy to jog along year after year without doing the honourable thing.

There are men – and women will hardly be surprised to hear this – that are quite happy to boast about their prowess "in holding my girlfriend off".

A myriad of excuses are used by recalcitrant men to avoid tying the knot – 'why change something that is working so well', 'the wedding reception is too costly, let's think about it next year', 'what if we change over the years', and so on.

Despite the inevitable doom-

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# SCREEN TALK'S TOP FILMS OF 2011

## SCREEN TALK

**T**HE year 2011 was another year that saw the rise of 3D in cinemas across the country, *The King's Speech* appeared to snaffle every award going and – in sadder vein – audiences having to tolerate Martin Lawrence's threequel 'comedy', *Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son*.

However, there were a raft of top films released in the calendar year, some of which were

lucky enough to make it into Screen Talk's top films of 2011. So while an honourable mention goes to the likes of *The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo*, *Moneyball*, *Blue Valentine*, *Bridesmaids* and *Super 8*, here are the films that made the cut:

**10 – True Grit**  
DRAWING on Charles Portis's novel for inspiration rather than John Wayne's drab 1969 effort, the Coen brothers maintained their second wind with a western that celebrated the great outdoors, lawless men and the innocence of youth.

With Jeff Bridges giving another superb turn, and an outstanding performance from young Hailee Steinfeld, the brothers offered up a hard-hitting, emotional film that hit all the right notes.

**9 – Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy**  
DIRECTOR

Tomas Alfredson brought his own brand of Swedish cool to this most British of espionage dramas, whose reliance on dialogue and characterisation above any form of action set-piece made this a coldly compelling and dense piece of work; the intricacies of the story becoming more apparent the more you chew over them.

Featuring a who's who of British thespians, all of whom were excellent, *Tinker Tailor...* was a throwback to a more refined era of filmmaking, and was all the more satisfying for it.

**8 – Black Swan**  
DARREN Aronofsky's film may have threatened to spill over into camp melodrama at any moment, but keeping the film on track saw the director craft a truly mesmerising story about the pressures of trying to please those around you without pleasing yourself. Natalie Portman, Mila Kunis and Vincent Cassell all offered outstanding turns (Portman landed an Oscar for her troubles) in a macabre yet hugely beguiling film.

**7 – We Need To Talk About Kevin**  
BASED on Lionel Shriver's novel, Lynne Ramsay's film about a mother coping with a psychotic son was a bleak film that offered no easy solutions or answers. Driven by incredible performances from Tilda Swinton and

Ezra Miller, Ramsay's film was part horror film, part psychoanalysis which made for difficult and harrowing viewing.

**6 – Submarine**  
WHILE it gets bonus points for being filmed in part in both Penarth and Barry, Richard Ayoade's directorial debut, adapted from Joe Dunthorne's novel, is a pitch perfect peer into the awkwardness of adolescence, shot through with a visual style that apes French new wave among other influences, yet makes them wholly his own.

With beautifully judged turns from leads Craig Roberts and Yasmin Paige, along with a hilarious small role for Paddy Considine, *Submarine* is a fresh and exciting piece of work.

**5 – Rise Of The Planet Of The Apes**  
FOLLOWING on from Tim Burton's frustratingly woeful 2001 're-imagining', hopes were fairly muted for this franchise prequel; yet British director Rupert Wyatt crafted an intelligent blockbuster that satisfied both the brain and the

appetite for destruction. Featuring an outstanding 'motion capture' from Andy Serkis (will the Academy take the bait and 'Oscar-nominate him?') the *Rise* of these *Apes* was truly a sight to behold.

**4 – The King's Speech**  
THIS year's all-encompassing success, *The King's Speech* was lauded to the heavens and deservedly so. Tom Hooper's direction was exquisite, subtle yet not lacking in style or panache, while David Seidler's script managed to draw away the baggage of deconstructing the royal family and instead concentrating on one man's struggle to overcome his problems in the hour of need. Coupled with a raft of superb turns, this *Speech* was delivered impeccably.

**3 – Senna**  
GIVEN how successful and high-profile big screen documentaries have become, it is perhaps hardly surprising that it has drawn in directors from a non-documentary background; as

shown here in Asif Kapadia's scintillating look at a motor racing legend, the results can be truly sublime. Thrilling for Formula 1 aficionados and haters alike, this is filmmaking, documentary or otherwise, of the highest calibre.

**2 – The Artist**  
THE thought that a silent movie would bring Hollywood to its knees in 2011 would have seemed daft at the start of the year, but as the countdown to new year began *The Artist* had made those who had seen it fall in love with the beauty of the cinema. Michel Hazanavicius' refusal to parody or poke fun at the genre meant it was all the more heartfelt and beautiful, and left you with a glow inside that only the mightiest of cinematic offerings can manage.

**1 – Drive**  
IF 2011 saw a breakout star it was Ryan Gosling, and though he lit up the likes of *Blue Valentine* and *The Ides of March*, it was *Drive* that saw him deliver his most exhilarating turn yet. With an 80s retro vibe, and a cold classy feel that brought to mind Michael Mann, Nicolas Winding Refn's crime thriller was by far the coolest offering to hit big screens last year, but with a substance that made it more than just a glossy exercise in nostalgia.



by  
**GARETH JAMIESON**

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### Panto show

*THE Llantwit Major Pantomime Society will be staging 'Beauty and the Beast' at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School from February 2-4.*

Written by Graham Beckwith and directed by Anthony Denatale, it's a family friendly pantomime.

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## PHOTO CLUB

**THE Vale Photographic Club meets at Ystradowen Village Hall at 7.15pm every Friday, and new members are always welcome.**

The group hosts interesting talks, offers friendly advice and a cup of tea.

Forthcoming events:

**January 13**, an evening of creative photography with Russell Lindsay.

**January 20**, 'Photosynthesis' A dynamic presentation of images by Clive Haines and Martin Addison.

**February 2**, 'Three in Harmony' with our own Mike Davies ARPS, AWPF, DPAGB. This year's topics are 'The City', 'Yellow' and 'Hands.'

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## Penarth Computer Club - 'Happy New Year!'

**HAPPY New Year to everybody. Let us hope that 2012 is not quite as gloomy as pundits are predicting. My glass is half full.**

Newspapers are full of reviews of last year and some brave souls are even trying to predict what is to come. What strikes me about last year (from a narrow viewpoint, ignoring politics and economics) is the progress of technology and its effect on the lives of us ordinary folk.

The Large Hadron Collider is a bit beyond me and, I suspect, most people, but the personal gadgets that abound are also getting more complicated. Just a few years ago it was easy to keep track of things as little was changing. Things are different now: the pace of change has increased.

It has long been true that even if you bought the latest model from the shop, your computer would be out of date by the time you got it home. Progress is continuous. I once ordered a laptop online at 11pm and found an advert in the next day's paper for the same machine with a more attractive incentive offer. I couldn't change my order, but I could cancel it. Rather than lose the order, the supplier rang; offered me a revised deal on the same machine that included about £350 of extras on top of the preferred incentive, and I got the original incentive as well!

That was a few years ago. I still have no desperate need to upgrade my hardware, but the time approaches and choices have increased.

I browse magazines and the web these days and wonder whether my computer should be a tablet, notebook or laptop. Do I want to buy a camera or a telephone? If I can decide what I want, how do I choose between the options available? It's not straightforward.

Some say that desktop computers are on the way out. Should I get a laptop with a docking station to convert it into an occasional desktop? I really prefer to use two monitors to make working easier.

My New Year resolution is to sort out my filing system before I buy any new kit (note the sneaky way it is not time limited. By the time you read this perhaps some of your resolutions will have already succumbed miserably). Then I am going to sort out my home network (Or, more likely, I shall have to persuade someone to help me sort it out).

Oops! I've just remembered that my wife wants me to buy and install a printer for her. That's blown my timescale to bits. Now where did I leave those computer magazines I was reading? Help!

*The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 10 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, at 7:30pm. It's the AGM for brief reports, elections and programme. We expect to have time to have a chat about how to get the best from eBay. For more information ring Howard on 029 20708439.*

**Howard Desmond**  
(Chairman)

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## Swimathon helps Marie Curie cause

**ENTRIES for the 25th annual Swimathon opened recently with TV presenter, model and keen swimmer Jodie Kidd and London 2012 Ambassador Duncan Goodhew swimming the first two lengths.**

The event again joins forces with Marie Curie Cancer Care and, for the first time, the BBC's and British Swimming's Big Splash, and Sport Relief to give thousands of swimmers the opportunity to raise vital funds through Swimathon's traditional distance challenges and the new 'Big Splash Mile for Sport Relief'.

Swimathon Weekend 2012 hits 649 pools

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Last year 272 swimmers took part across South East Wales and collectively raised a fantastic £19,468.05 for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Swimathon Weekend participants swimming for Marie Curie Cancer Care can choose from the 5k, 2.5k or Team 5k challenges and those opting to raise money for the 'Big Splash Mile for Sport Relief' can take part individually or as part of a team to complete the Mile.

Funds raised by taking on the 5k or 2.5k Swimathon Distance Challenges for Marie Curie Cancer Care will provide free nursing care and support for people with terminal cancer and other illnesses. The charity expects to care for over 31,000 terminally ill patients in the community and in its hospices this year.

*Each of the first 10,000 people to sign up online for a Swimathon Weekend session before 31 January 2012 will enjoy half price entry; swimmer entry is open at [www.swimathon.org](http://www.swimathon.org) until 25 April 2012.*

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Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College St, Llantwit Major until the funeral service in Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday 17th January at 2.45 p.m.

Family flowers only but donations may be made to Dogs Trust (cheques only please) c/o the Funeral Director.

### BRYCE Ian Kinloch

Aged 89 years.

Died, peacefully, on December 11th, in the Heath Hospital, Cardiff. Special thanks to Dr Thomas and his team.

Ian was the beloved husband of Brenda, deceased, then of Susan, loving father of Peta, Charles, Andrew and Fiona, grandfather of Joanna, Scarlet, Buster, Amelie and Elise and great-grandfather of Harry.

Memorial service in St John's Church, Llanblethian, Cowbridge, on Saturday, 17th March at 2.00 pm.

### FULLER

**Frances Caroline (Fran)**

Peacefully at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on January 4th.

Fran, formerly of Barry Road, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of the late Dick. Much loved mother of Dave, mother-in-law of Anne, adored nan of Jason, Toby, Ceri, Abigail and Alex. Great-nan of Sam, Rebecca and Charlie.

Resting at A G Adams and Son, Tynwydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until her service and committal at the Vale of Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, January 13th at 12.45pm.

Family flowers only but donations if desired to Diabetes UK.

### POWELL Catherine Mary

Peacefully on January 8th at her home in Llantwit Major, Catherine Mary (Mari) loving sister of the late Rod and sister-in-law of Lavinia, much loved aunt of Jane, Mary and David.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Monday January 16th, service 1.45pm at St James Church, Wick followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.15pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care or The Stroke Association, both c/o Mrs C James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhooose, CF62 3DZ.

### FARMER Olive

Peacefully on January 9th at Barry Community Hospital, Olive - Devoted wife of the late Richard (Jack). Beloved mam of Richard, Thelma, Ken, Gillian and Julie. Cherished Nan and Great Nan to all her grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by all who loved and knew her.

Resting at Park Independent Funeral Directors, 7 Tynwydd Road, until a Celebration service of her life at Gwenog Court, Cwm Talwg, Barry on Wednesday 18th January at 11.30am followed by committal at Barry Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to Gwenog Court, Cwm Talwg. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay J Ellis at Park Funerals 01446 421212.

### APPS, Eira

The family of the late Eira Apps would like to thank all those who attended her funeral service at Salem Baptist Church on the 30th December. Particular thanks to Rev Clive Jones for leading the service and Mrs Betty Painter, a lifelong friend, who was the organist.

Many thanks also for the generous donations in aid of The Baptist Missionary Society.

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Jayne & David Jones  
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### Development that may affect a Conservation Area / Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No/ Rhif y cais:	2011/01248/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Construction of 21 dwellings and all associated works.
Location/Lleoliad:	Former Lower School, Town Mill Road, Cowbridge
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Cowbridge

Application No/ Rhif y cais:	2011/01251/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Retention of replacement shop front
Location/Lleoliad:	9A, Royal Buildings, Victoria Road, Penarth
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Penarth

Application No/ Rhif y cais:	2011/01279/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Replacement of timber sash windows with UPVC sash windows
Location/Lleoliad:	6, Victoria Avenue, Penarth
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Penarth

Application No/ Rhif y cais:	2011/01299/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Demolition of part of existing building and construction of 16 apartments (amendments to consented scheme)
Location/Lleoliad:	Llantwit Major Social Club, Beach Road, Llantwit Major
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Llantwit Major

### Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhedredig

Application No/ Rhif y cais:	2011/01232/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Alterations to summerhouse adjacent to northern boundary of rear garden
Location/Lleoliad:	The Three Tuns, St. Nicholas
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhedredig	Grade II

Application No/ Rhif y cais:	2011/01236/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Change of use of redundant barns to residential property
Location/Lleoliad:	West Farm, West Street, Llantwit Major
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhedredig	Grade II

Application No/Rhif y cais:	2011/01275/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Installation of two 300mm diameter communications dishes pole mounted to rear wall of clock tower, plus cable runs into the building
Location/Lleoliad:	Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhedredig	Grade II

### Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhedredig

Application No/ Rhif y cais:	2011/01244/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Retention of boiler flue
Location/Lleoliad:	Springbank Nursing Home, College Road, Barry
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhedredig	Affecting both Springbank Nursing Home and Vale Resource Center (Former Polytechnic of Wales) both Grade II

### Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No/ Rhif y cais:	2011/01248/FUL
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### May affect a Public Right of Way / Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No/ Rhif y cais:	2011/01216/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Barn conversion to provide an annexe to the original residential dwelling
Location/Lleoliad:	Ty Draw Barn, St. Andrews Major

### Departure from Development Plan / Gwry'o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No/ Rhif y cais:	2011/01259/OUT
Proposal/Cynnig:	Sustainable Family Self Care Accommodation - New Castle Lodge, Hensol Villas CF72 8JZ
Location/Lleoliad:	Hensol Villas, Hensol, Pontyclun

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Dated / Dyddiedig: 12th January, 2012

Rob Thomas  
Head of Planning, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

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## TAE KWON DO SCHOOL'S AWARDS PRESENTATION



Pictured with club instructor Ron Thomas and Coach Jamie Halford are: Thomas Haysham, Matthew Bennett, Morganne Gomez Jones, Bradley Halford, Ollie Tipples, Cameron Williams, Cody Jacobsen, Cian Allen and Shannon Haysham.

### CADOXTON School of Tae Kwon Do held its presentation night at Market Street social club.

The school has had a very successful year on and off the competition mats, with several students winning world and British titles and Welsh grand championships, along with new 1st, 2nd and 4th degree black belts.

Best beginner went to Cody Jacobsen and the student with the most potential was Cian Allen.

The most improved boy and girl went to Thomas Shivers and

Shannon Haysham.

Perseverance award went to Ollie Tipples and the Indomitable Spirit trophy went to Cameron Williams.

Competitor of the year was Matthew Bennett and the Cadokton student of 2011 went to Bradley Halford.

Two special trophies are awarded each year, the Michael Conibear Star Student award, donated to the club by his mother, Mrs Pauline Conibear, and the Charles Ames Perseverance award, donated by supporters of the club.

Thomas Haysham received the Star Student award and Morganne Gomez Jones took the Charles Ames award.

The evening continued into the night with a disco and buffet with everyone enjoying the Christmas spirit.

Ron and Bev Thomas would like to thank all the club parents for their support and fundraising throughout the year.

For more information telephone: Barry (01446) 406372 or Colcot: 07557 340625.

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## Barry Town on song after Christmas break

BARRY Town came into last weekend's Welsh League match against Swansea's West End after an extended Christmas break since the first week of December, when a late equaliser against Goytre United earned Barry a point.

It was hoped that Barry's improved league form wouldn't have been bogged down by Christmas turkey.

However, if there ever was a team which was looking forward to the break, it was West End. Having had a terrific start to the season (the home loss against Barry Town aside), West End were on a bad run of results up until Christmas.

Despite this, they remained in fourth position in the league when the two teams kicked off on Saturday.

In truth, the football wasn't

### WELSH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE, BARRY TOWN 3 WEST END 1

exactly spectacular in the first half, and as has been customary this season, Barry fell behind to a goal from the opposition against the run of play. At least it wasn't a 93rd minute goal, as in the last match at Jenner Park, and there was time to rectify the situation. In the end, the game was won at a canter.

Firstly, Anthony 'TJ' Nagi got the equaliser, followed by Ryan Jenkins with a beautiful goal, and then the afternoon was rounded off with the third goal by Josh Bell.

With more fortune, Barry could have easily scored a fourth, if not a fifth goal by the end of the match, but the eventual 3-1 victory was still an impressive result for the home team.

It was Barry Town's best league victory of the season in a

run that has seen three wins and two draws in the last five league games. The game was watched by ex-Barry Town and Cardiff City player, Lee Jarman.

Jarman was at the ground in his position as current manager of Aberaman Athletic - Barry Town's next opposition on Saturday at Aberaman. Aberaman have had a poor season so far and find themselves third from bottom in the league.

Barry fans unable to get to the match in person are able to follow a 'live feed' of updates via the Twitter account of @BarryTownSC. On Saturday, January 21 they entertain Ton Pentre at Jenner Park, a fixture which has been entertaining Barry fans for 100 years.

## READERS' LETTERS/EXTRA

### Concerns over the draft plans at Weycock Cross

**W**E attended the recent cabinet meeting to hear what Illyd councillors Tony Hampton and Janice Charles would say about the proposal (the draft LDP) to build hundreds of houses around Weycock Cross, Barry.

They said nothing, but we feel there are a number of concerns about the emerging Development

Plan. One of the more notable issues is the extension of the 'settlement boundary' - which the council says is about protecting the setting and encouraging brown field development opportunities.

Curiously, the new boundary includes for the first time 44 hectares of green fields to the north and south of Weycock Cross, and excludes brown field land south of the golf course.

No doubt the housing developer's experts will have something

to say about that apparent inconsistency, but that may be after the local council elections.

Another significant worry for Port Road and Weycock Cross users is the increase of traffic generated by housing developments at these locations, together with 2,000 dwellings at the Waterfront, plans for 730 houses at Rhosce, and 530 homes in St Athan.

**John Donovan, Dennis Harkus,**  
(FocusBARRY supporters)

### 'Thank you to community'

**I** WOULD like to thank everyone for the large donations of chocolate selection boxes

### 'Bravo, council'

**I** WOULD like to congratulate the Vale Planning Department and the Vale of Glamorgan Council for doing the right thing for the people of Barry and the Vale - by keeping all Brynhill Golf Course land categorised as recreational land. Bravo!

Simon Cox,  
Barry,  
(HOPE in the Vale)

which were donated for another year to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice in Sully over the Christmas period.

Also, for the second year we held our Christmas carol memorial service, where we remembered loved ones who have passed.

This was attended by over 200 people, which included families we had cared for, and also families who had been looked after by other local funeral directors.

Once again, thank you, and we look forward to many more community activities during 2012.

**Lyndsay Ellis,**  
(Principal of Park Independent Funeral Directors).

### Call for local church memories

**T**HIS year will mark the 50th anniversary of the creation of Crossway Methodist Church.

It was built to accommodate the combined congregations of Holton Road Methodist (which stood on the site now occupied by Lloyds TSB) and the old Court Road Methodist.

The latter was demolished to enable the construction of the present church.

To mark this important anniversary, we hope to produce a booklet recording the many organisations and activities which have taken place in these churches, both before

and since they joined and moved to Crossway.

If any of your readers have memories or anecdotes, we would be delighted to hear them.

For example, old photographs, programmes, activities, outings, particular individuals or events, etc. Maybe you were christened or married in one of the churches?

Any contribution would be greatly valued as it will enable us to fill out some of the spaces in our knowledge of this very active, serving church.

**Christopher Pickering, Barry.**  
(Telephone 01446 738586).

### Now free cover for clean-ups

**FRIENDS** of Barry Beaches no longer have to worry about raising funds to pay for insurance this year - after securing free insurance cover from Keep Wales Tidy.

"Anyone who joins the fight to improve their local environment is now able to offer free insurance to volunteer groups across Wales," said coordinator Rob Curtis.

### Spare Lego is needed!

**ASHGROVE** School, Sully Road, Penarth is in the process of setting up a lunchtime Lego club and is on the lookout for any unwanted Lego in any condition.

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## Charlotte's belt success



**CONGRATULATIONS to Charlotte York, who recently obtained her First Dan Grade Black Belt in Karate.**

A big thank you to Sensei Rob and Cathy in Vale Karate.

## Evan's first 2012 winner

**LLANCARFAN'S** Evan Williams saddled his first winner of the new year when his seven-year-old bay mare Fly Town won the Wensum Valley Maiden Chase at Fakenham on January 1.

Confidently ridden by Adam Wedge, Fly Town, a 15-8 chance, won by 24 lengths from Jasmin Raj.

24 hours later at Folkestone, five-year-old Langley gave Aberthin's Tim Vaughan his first winner of 2012 when winning the handicap hurdle under Richard Johnson.

A winner of its previous race seven days earlier, Langley was an odds-on favourite.

Tim's Ballyrock nearly caused one of the biggest upsets of the season when beaten by just a length by the unbeaten Fingal Bay at Haydock last Saturday.

A 25-1 chance, Ballyrock fought all the way to the line but the 1-4 favourite just held on.

**TOM'S HAT-TRICK**

Tom Flint made it three wins in a

row when winning on Grams And Ounces at Ludlow last week.

Trained by Tom's father John Flint at Kenfig Hill, five-year-old Grams And Ounces, who carried top weight of 11st 13lb in the 1871 Handicap Hurdle, won by a length from the Charlie Longsdon-trained AlwaysTheOptimist.

Tom, a conditional rider, is the older brother of professional jockey Rhys Flint.

Another local trainer in the money last week was Bridgend's David Brace whose Johnny Owen was successful at Southwell.

Ridden by Irishman Paddy Brennan, Johnny Owen romped home a 19-length winner from Strathaird with the odds-on favourite Whatshallwedo, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthin, a further 14 lengths away in third place.

Johnny Owen was well supported at odds of 3-1 but apparently odds of 10-1 were available to betting shop punters during the morning.

**BRIAN LEE**

## VALE BASKETBALL TEENAGERS SEAL IMPRESSIVE WINS

**TEENAGERS** from the Vale Basketball Development Centre built on their promising start to the season with a series of wins over the festive period.

Two teams have been entered into the South Wales Valleys Basketball Association League this year to play competitive fixtures for the first time, and both the under-16s and under-18s teams have thrived so far.

The under-16s maintained their undefeated record with pre-Christmas wins over Swansea Storm (76-55) and a 59-39 victory against Baglan.

The under-18s beat Cardiff Magic 82-61 in the Cadroxton Sports Hall and in a tight match away at Swansea Storm they emerged as 66-60 winners.

Just 24 hours later they were back on court to play Newport, but two games in two days caught up with them, and they were defeated 49-62.

The way the teams have taken to their first season of competitive fixtures has impressed co-ordinator Ben Williams, who said: "A month of five wins and one defeat overall is certainly cause for celebration, especially as the Vale squads are actually comprised of under-15s and under-16s players who are competing against boys who are sometimes up to two years older than them."

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# TOYOTA AURIS HYBRID UPS ITS GREEN GAME

**I** LIKE the idea of hybrid cars, it's just I still need to be convinced about the technology. I have been fortunate enough to test the hybrid Lexus, Toyota Prius and the Honda Insight. While they were all eternally green, I remained unimpressed with the distance they could travel on a full tank, in my experience, no more than 300 miles and that's with a light right foot.

So it was with great interest that I took the new Toyota Auris 1.8-litre hybrid to the road. What Car? magazine reports how it can travel more than 850 miles on a tank... Was this going to change my opinion?

We were late for a meeting in London and consequently we sat in the outside lane most of the way. I forgot to engage economy mode or use the ev switch at low speeds - I'll blame my little rascal of a daughter for that one!

But despite this, it used just one bar of fuel out of eight to get to the capital. My diesel 2002 plate Fiesta would have consumed at least twice as much.

Hybrid cars are best in London because they escape the costly £10 a day London Congestion Charge.

Halfway through the test I finally remembered to use the ev switch - funnily enough when Harriett wasn't in the car - and found that the Auris would only run purely on its electric motor for up to a mile at speeds of no



The Toyota Auris hybrid.

more than 30mph.

It then took at least five or ten minutes to recharge sufficiently in order to use it again. This is exactly the same as in the Prius and the hybrid Lexus in my experience.

This ev switch could be improved, I feel. It should automatically switch on rather than relying on the driver to remember. Its location together with the power mode near the gearstick can distract the driver, too.

Most efficient driving over long distance can be achieved in economy mode and respecting the accelerator as much as possible. This is high on impossible though when travelling up a hill or using the cruise control.

Hybrids do turn the concept of frugal motoring into a bit of a game - Toyota has designed the instruments on the dashboard to incentivise the motorist. The dial, where the rev counter would usually reside, glows green when you're driving efficiently and blue when you're burning too much fuel. Consequently the driver tries to stay within the confines of economy to the best of their ability.

When this car slows down it sounds a bit like an electric tube on the Underground - the hybrid Auris is a very silent car. Build quality is typically Toyota and clearly a lot of thought has gone into the interior, which has a modern clutter free design.

The cruise control stalk is at the right of the steering wheel and easy to engage. But it can be a little awkward to find the neutral or park functions on the joystick-like automatic gearbox.

Parkers, the car guide, writes: "The Auris Hybrid Synergy Drive (HSD) was introduced in May 2010 and it features a 1.8-litre engine combined with an electric motor and continuous transmission. It's a low CO<sub>2</sub>, low fuel consumption model aimed at buyers who are interested in eco-friendly cars but do not want to make such a bold statement as Prius owners."

"The Auris HSD comes in two trims - T4 and T Spirit - with prices starting at £18,950. It is the first mainstream Toyota to get the HSD powertrain and the Japanese firm says it plans to introduce it to the rest of its model line-up."

If you bear in mind that the Auris hybrid has just a 45-litre fuel tank compared to a standard 60-litre one then the 370 miles achieved during the test isn't too bad - Toyota is clearly improving its green technology. But I still feel that hybrid cars need to be more energy efficient.

Toyota Auris Hatchback 1.8 VVT-i HSD 93g/km T Spirit 5dr. New price: £22,595. 0-60mph: 11.4 secs. Top speed: 112 mph. Economy: 45mpg.

TIM SAUNDERS

# Barrians slip up against local rivals - BUT EFFORT CANNOT BE UNDERESTIMATED

**THE local rivalry between Barry and Old Penarthians RFC was revisited in the first game of the calendar year.**

Player-manager Ken Chow had, for a change, a relatively large squad to choose from, and kept faith with the likes of Moffat, Hall and Houldey in his starting line-up, with Summerhayes starting at No. 8 ahead of veteran Nick Rolfe.

Despite having the game starting off with uncontested scrums, therefore negating the power of the Barrian pack, the early exchanges were promising for the visitors, as the direct running of David Williams caused no end of problems for the home side.

The pack, led by the veteran Moffat and ably supported by Hosking, Owain Poole and Betts, made headway into the Old Penarthians half, therefore creating opportunity for the half-backs.

Unfortunately, the final scoring touch was lacking, no better demonstrated when fly-half Joel Williams broke the line and had both Adam Lee and Chow overlapping out wide, but he stumbled and the chance was gone.

With the early momentum absorbed by some resolute Old Penarthians defending and un-coordinated attacking by the away side, the home side soon found a way back into the game.

The Barrian line-out was malfunctioning, and the Old Pens pack began to dominate proceedings, finally being rewarded with a converted try.

The Barrians spent the rest of the half defending deep in their twenty-two, and it was only some superb tack-

## OLD PENARTHIAN'S 2ND XV 12 BARRIANS 7

ling, most notably from Tom Poole, Williams and Hosking, that kept the scoreline at 7-0.

Indeed, David Williams had a chance to score after a long distance run brought him seemingly clear of the home defence, only to be tackled just short of the line, and his offload was knocked on by the unfortunate Owain Poole.

The manager attempted to freshen things up at half time as Rolfe, Thomas, Case, Come and Jones were all thrown into the fray.

There were some early promising moves as the Barrians moved into the Old Pens half with intent, only for them to be sucker-punched by a breakaway

try, although the quickly taken throw-in by the home side might have been illegal.

The Barrians' improved second half performance, however, was clear for all to see, as the renewed energy and aggression in the contact area began to bring success. Camping deep in the home twenty-two with the line in sight, the half backs released the ever reliable David Williams to crash over under the posts. Adam Lee made no mistake with the straightforward conversion.

With the final whistle looming, the Barrians pushed forward once more, and it was once again David Williams who made the break through the line, beating

defender after defender.

Unfortunately he was once again tackled by the last man, and the supporting runners were unable to pounce on the opportunity.

The Barrians will once again rue the chances that they missed and the mistakes that they made to allow their opponents to win the game. Ultimately their effort on a heavy pitch must still be applauded.

Team: Lee; Chow (c), D. Williams, Awaient, T. Poole; R. Williams, J. Williams; Houldey, Hosking, Heard; Hall, Moffat; O. Poole, Betts, Summerhayes

Subs used: Thomas, Come, Case, Rolfe, Hitchcock, Boffy, Jenkins, Jones. Man-of-the-match: D. Williams.

KC

# Vale Schools earn a victory over Maesteg

**THE weather was perfect at the Old Penarthians ground, the home field for the Vale, last Saturday when Maesteg schools travelled down the valley for this fixture.**

The Vale have been getting better and better and were riding high after knocking out The DC Thomas Cup favourites Cardiff Schools just before Christmas.

From the start the home side controlled the play with some great handling moves. The wingers and centres were making some great breaks pushing the attacks down both touchlines.

This dominance resulted in two converted

VALE SCHOOLS	28
MAESTEG SCHOOLS	5

tries in the first few minutes.

Great breaks from Ruben Williams, Evan Thomas and Barney Langdon kept the home side going forward. Maesteg Schools put up some solid defence but it was only a matter of time before the Vale's third try, to end the first half 21-0.

The visitors started strong and a changed Vale side took a few minutes to get their shape and Maesteg put together a quick break from their own half.

With some great handling they made the most of an attack, passing to a flyer on their wing who ran the length of the half to go over in the corner.

Quickly the Vale reorganised and again began to dominate the play, winning all the ball at the breakdown.

Mikey Bosley put in some great tackles and led the attacks. Evan

Thomas and Louis Harris had one of their best games and the home side almost went over several times but for the great defence by Maesteg.

The Vale finished the game as they started by going over for a fourth try. Another great win, and confidence is high going into the next fixture away at Newport Schools this Saturday.

Squad: Mikey Bosley, Ben Jones, Owen Darlucia, Barty Jones-Norton, Lewis Hawk, Lewis Bumford, Daniel Hicks, Jack Dixon, Ellis Smith, Ewan Griffiths, Ruben Williams, Luke Connor, Ben Batten, Louis Harris, Cai Lloyd, Iwan Hadfield, Evan Thomas, James Rees, Thomas Jac, Barney Langdon, Joseph Jones, Joan Williams, Jamie Howells, Jac Little, Wil Parsons and Aaron Arthur.

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# GEM sport

Controversy before the game, but...

## Rearguard action means Barry RFC grind out a win!

**BEFORE** a ball was even kicked last Saturday, there was controversy!

The referee inspected the pitch and declared conditions suitable for play but, under undisclosed 'health and safety' regulations, the visitors claimed that this was not so.

The referee had no option but to select another pitch.

Barry played with both slope and wind against them in the first half. They were soon into their stride with good tight forward drives. It was the perfect tactics given the conditions, with Deguara and hooker O'Sullivan revelling in their roles.

The forwards set up a good field position from which the backs were able to set up a try for Ryan, but the difficult conversion was unsuccessful.

The visitors failed to take advantage of two

<b>BARRY RFC</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>PONTYCLUN RFC</b>	<b>14</b>

reasonably easy penalties. They were, however, able to level the scores with a well-engineered try on the quarter-hour mark.

The rest of the first half featured good work by the home forwards. They denied Pontyclun the score needed to take advantage of the slope and wind.

During this time, the referee issued three harsh yellow cards, two to Barry, when penalties would have been a more appropriate censure.

Not for the first time this season, Barry started a second half lethargically and soon paid the price. The visitors got to within striking distance of the Barry line via good forward driving, earning themselves a penalty, duly slotted over by their outside half.

This reverse needed the home team into more

vigorous play, with Lee slotting over a deserved penalty.

Back came Pontyclun to retake the lead with another three-pointer.

On the 20-minute mark, each side increased its tally with a further penalty.

With the referee seeing so many penalty offences, it was perhaps inevitable that the dreaded red card was burning a hole in his pocket – and so it transpired!

One player from either side was given marching orders for what appeared to be no more than a yellow card infringement.

Barry put together a sustained period of pressure through the forwards. This gave the opportunity for Evans to crash over near the corner flag, but unfortunately the resultant kicked sailed wide of the woodwork.

During this time, there were notable contributions from McTavish, Harrison and Packer among the forwards, and Provis, O'Sullivan and Adams in the backs. Lee slotted a penalty to extend the Barry lead to five points, which appeared to guarantee victory.

However, Pontyclun had other ideas and showed why they are riding high in the division. They threw everything at the home defence for the last seven or eight minutes but credit is due to every Barry player for ensuring that the line remained intact.

*Barry: Ryan, Adams, Evans, Hardy, Provis, O'Sullivan, Lee, Hunt, O'Sullivan, Hollister, Deguara, McTavish, Parker, Jones, Harrison. Subs: Bowditch, Walsh.*

*Next Match: away at Llandaff North, kick off 2:30pm. CO*

## Cadoxton Tae Kwon Do ends season on a high



*Pictured are: Matthew Bennett, Jamie Halford, Thomas Haysham, Lucy Newman, Morganne Gomez, Bradley Halford, Cameron Williams, Ollie Tipples, Cian Allen, Cody Jacobsen, Shannon Haysham. Missing from the picture is Keita Enfield.*

**ON Sunday, December 11, Cadoxton School of Tae Kwon Do attended the sixth and final Welsh Grand Masters Grand Prix Series of 2011.**

Several Cadoxton students were in the running for overall 2011 Grand Champion.

On the day, Ollie Tipples took 2nd in point and 3rd in continuous sparring, making him double grand champion in both point and continuous sparring categories.

Matthew Bennett took 2nd in the continuous sparring, giving him the continuous sparring grand champion and runner up in the sparring.

Morganne Gomez took 2nd in the continuous sparring, just missing out on a grand champion place.

Bradley Halford

came 3rd in the point sparring and 1st in the continuous, making him double grand champion in point and continuous sparring categories.

Lucy Newman came 3rd in patterns and 2nd in point and continuous sparring, giving her runner up in point sparring.

Cian Allen came 2nd in point and continuous sparring, giving him the runner up spot in both categories.

Young Cody Jacobsen came 2nd on the day in continuous sparring making him the 2011 runner up.

Cameron Williams once again took 1st place in both the point and continuous sparring, making him double grand champion in both categories.

Thomas Haysham came 2nd in the patterns and 1st in both the point and continuous sparring giving him double grand champion in both the sparring categories and runner up in the pattern section.

Shannon Haysham took 2nd in the point and 3rd in the continuous sparring, giving her the runner up position in the point sparring category.

Keita Enfield came 1st in her point sparring category, just missing out on the runner up grand champion.

Jamie Halford took 2nd place in the 17-21 category, giving him just enough points to become a triple grand champion in adult

men's point sparring and grand champion in the 17 to 21 years youth point and continuous sparring.

WOMAA competitor of 2011 went to Matthew Bennett, while student of 2011 went to Thomas Haysham and 'The Charles Ames Award' went to Bradley Halford.

Once again the students representing the Cadoxton School of TKD did the club proud.

## Rebecca joins national squad

**DINAS POWYS** footballer Rebecca Egerstrom has been selected to represent Wales in the under-16 Wales national development squad and has been invited to the training camp run this month at the Sport Wales National Centre in Cardiff.

*A Dinas Powys club spokesman said: "The club would like to congratulate Rebecca on this fine achievement."*

## Atoms show pride

**BARRY** Atoms played their first matches of 2012 against a well drilled and disciplined Rhiwbia side.

There were three games played as both sides had a large squad to call on. There was end action and team play from both sides, and the Atoms' spirit, was on display for all to see.

A strong start from

the Atoms promised a lot, but Rhiwbia proved more than a match.

The scores were 7-3 (J.Couch 2, E.Galsworthy), 4-2 (J.Couch, Z. Fifield) and 3-2 (M. Boffy, J. Couch).

*Squad: T.Pugh, J.Jones, J.Couch, R.Rendell, J.Parry, C.Denbury, O.Smith, E.Galsworthy, Z.Fifield, D.Griffiths, M.Boffy, F.Giosanou, F.Samad, J.Escott, J.Williams.*

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## The Basement boys defeat Dinas Powys

**THE** day did not start well for Dinas when centre-half and captain Chris Hinam had to step down to the bench through illness, and it got a lot worse against the league's bottom side.

The Buds have strengthened their side recently and deserved this win with the home side not firing on all cylinders.

Dinas started well enough and could have scored a couple of goals in the opening minutes.

The first chance was created by an excellent ball from Richard Yarr, picking out Liam Jeremy on the left touchline who crossed low and hard for Joe Hinds, but keeper Asa Kirkwood got down well to save.

Yarr was again prominent this time finding Joe Hinds but his cross was just out of Jeremy's reach. Adam Raymond stung the keepers hands with a twenty yard drive while at the other end Wayne Antoniazzi's mazy run ended when

<b>WELSH LEAGUE DIVISION TWO</b>	
<b>DINAS POWYS</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>ABERBARGOED BUDS</b>	<b>4</b>

he was brought down just inside the penalty area.

The referee awarded a penalty taken by Antoniazzi, but it was well saved by Damien Lack in the home goal.

Antoniazzi was to prove a thorn in the side of Dinas and on twenty-five minutes he gave the visitors the lead when he finished off an attack with a low twenty-five yard shot into the corner of the net.

Just before half-time Dinas got back into the game when Adam Raymond picked out Liam Jeremy with a through ball.

He held off a defender before beating the keeper with a low shot from the edge of the area.

Thirteen minutes into the second-half Buds took a 2-1 lead and again it was Antoniazzi. He finished off a flowing attack with a fifteen yard shot

into the roof of the net.

Two minutes later it was that man again, this time successfully scoring from the penalty spot to complete his hat-trick when a defender was guilty of pushing in the area.

Dinas' woes increased when Will Penikett was shown a red card for retaliation and although they pushed men forward and brought on Tedstone and Trotman they did not threaten the visitor's goal.

Their misery was completed just before the end of the match, when Ross Mazurczak scored the fourth with Dinas pushing forward but leaving gaps in their defence.

This week Dinas travel east to play Caldicot Town and will be looking for a vastly improved performance.

*Squad: 1. Damien Lack, 2. Chris Lewis, 3. Steffan Davies, 4. Mike*

*Lewis, 5. Dave Penikett, 6. Will Penikett, 7. Robbie Fowler, 8. Richard Yarr, 9. Joe Hinds, 10. Adam Raymond, 11. Liam Jeremy, Subs: 12. Chris Hinam, 14. Matt Trotman, 15. Gareth Tedstone, 16. Steve Provis, 17. Dave Burnett.*

*Next game: Welsh League Division Two, January 14, Caldicot Town v Dinas Powys, kick off 2:00pm.*

*For further news and fixtures see the club's website: www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk*

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## JOHNNY OWEN WINS AGAIN!

**DAVID** Brace's six-year-old Johnny Owen followed up his Southwell success by coming out four days later and winning the handicap hurdle at Hereford under Paddy Brennan.

However, it was a much closer affair this time, as, whereas Johnny Owen had won by 19 lengths last time, on this occasion there was just three parts of a length between him and the runner-up Esteem.

Brian Lee

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